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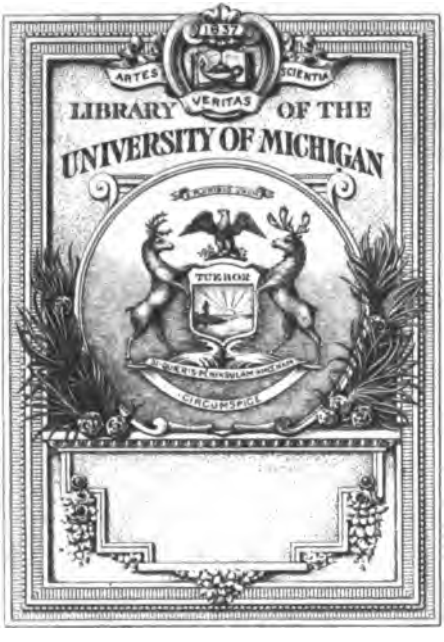

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PREFACE.

This volume, the seventh issued under the direction of the Committee on Library, contains the Minutes of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania F. and A. M., from 1840 to 1848, both inclusive.

The volumes previously published were designated "Reprints of the Minutes, etc.," which title has been changed, as above, because this is the first time that the Minutes of the Grand Lodge are printed in full.

The years covered by Volume VII are those immediately following the anti-masonic excitement, which had its rise in the State of New York in 1826, and which reached its climax in our own State in 1836.

The ostensible cause of this persecution, the character of its proceedings, the violence and madness of its advocates, and its final ending are too well known to need recital here.

Having run its course, its dire effects disappeared as rapidly as the movement had gained strength, and the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in Pennsylvania recovered its prosperity.

Lodges which had ceased work were reopened for labor, new Lodges were constituted, and the work as well as the finances of the subordinate Lodges and of the Grand Lodge again flourished, and the foundation of our present prosperity was successfully and permanently laid.

The historical interest of this volume is greatly enhanced by the insertion of the portraits of four of the Grand Masters serving during the years covered by this volume.

The Masonic student will find much to interest and instruct him in the records of these years of reorganization, and he will be strengthened in his faith in the permanency of our Institution and in his admiration of our forefathers by learning how well and how faithfully they stood by our ancient landmarks and traditions in spite of public and political clamor and threats of personal violence.

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MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 2d, A. D. 1840, A. L. 5840.

Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$ Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	Sam$^{l.}$ H. Perkins,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	Joseph R. Chandler,	"	Dep$^{y.}$ G. M.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	"	Sen$^{r.}$ G. W.
"	William Barger,	"	Jun$^{r.}$ G. W.
"	Robinson R. Moore,	"	Gr$^{d.}$ Treasurer.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	"	Gr$^{d.}$ Secretary, P. T.

(the R. W. Grand Secretary being unable to attend from Severe Indisposition.)

" John Thompson, Dep$^{y.}$ Gr$^{d.}$ Secretary.
" John Bradley, Sen$^{r.}$ G. D., P. T.
" John W. M^{c}Grath, Jun$^{r.}$ G. D.
" William Whitney, Grand Marshall.
" Jacob Steiner, Gr$^{d.}$ Sword Bearer.
" John Collins, Gr$^{d.}$ Pursuivant.

Past Grand Master, Bro. B. Newcomb.

Proxies 201 Riley, 62 Chandler, 217 Stewart.

Lodges.	Names of Brethren.
N$^{o.}$ 2,	Collins, Ashmead.
" 3,	Moore, Martin, G. Thomson, McCaraher, King.
" 9,	Andrews, Stone.
" 19,	Haswell, Bradley, Mackey, Patton.
" 51,	Stewart, Whitney, Thomson, Markland, Duke.
" 52,	High, Dorff.
" 59,	Garrett, Adams.
" 67,	Smith, Weeks, Van Osten.
" 71,	Davis, Meyer, J. A. Phillips, Hyneman.
" 72,	Stevenson, Barger, Williams, Molan, Thompson, West.

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N°. 91, Perkins, Stork, Neagle, Manning.
" 114, Spackman, Van Osten.
" 115, Newcombe, Graham, Diamond, Dougherty, Steffee, Ogden.
" 125, Veit, Hahnlen, Steiner.
" 130, Easby, Chandler, Lescure, Gloninger, Riley, Clemens, McGrath.
" 155, Bowen, Gaul.
" 158, Mason, Roberts, Andrews.
" 186, Barrington, Stewart.
" 187, Wallace, Knight.

Twenty Two Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 25 Minutes before Seven o'Clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The Minutes of the Gr^d. Quarterly Communication of December 2^d. of the Adjourned Gr^d. Quarterly Communication of December 16^th and of the Annual Grand Communication of December 27^th were Read and on Motion and Seconded, each Separately Approved.

General Returns from the following Lodges were Received, Read and Ordered to be filed, Viz:

N°. 2, J— D. M—, Rejected June 10^th. 1839.
" 3, H. N. M—, A— O—, W— F. H—, J— N— & T— L— P—, Suspended, N. P. D.
" 9, P— M^cG—, Expelled, Unmasonic Conduct. J— L—, J— B— & R— D—, Suspended, N. P. D.
" 19.
" 51, C. P. P. F. R.—, Expelled, Unmasonic Conduct. J. P. S—, J. D. G—, Z. W—, Jun^r. J. A. R—, G. T. B—, T. M. M— & J— H—, Suspended, N. P. D.
" 52.
" 59, A— W—, Expelled, N. P. D.
" 67, A— B—, W— H—, R— W—, G— E—, W— C—, F— H—, Suspended, N. P. D.
" 71, L— A. P—, Rejected April 24^th. A— D. C—, B— T. T— & C— M—, Suspended, N. P. D.
" 72, I— Z— & B. B. J—, Suspended, N. P. D.

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N°. 114, L— W—, J— F. S— & N— B—, Suspended, N. P. D.
" 115, I— S— & J— C—, Suspended, N. P. D.
" 121, E— M—, E. W. R—, R. W. W— & E— G—, Suspended for Non Payment of Dues.
" 130.
" 138, J— L—, Rejected March 5th.
" 155.
" 186, Edward Killingsworth, Reinstated March 13th. T— L. C—, I— S— & G— H. M—, Suspended, N. P. D.
" 187, A— I— V— & A— C—, Rejected. J— M°C—, H— C. W—, J— L— & L— P—, Suspended for Non Payment of Dues.

Communications from the following Lodges were Received and Referred to the Com. on Correspondence, Viz: Alabama, Indiana, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Maryland, Florida and Texas.

A Communication was Received from Lodge N°. 121, Submitting Alterations in its By Laws, which was referred to the Committee on By Laws.

The following from the Hall Committee was Read and Adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.:

The Hall Committee Report, That Since their last Communication to the Grand Lodge dated the 1st July last, they have had a New Tin Roof put on the Tylers Room, as the Old one was in a very leaky condition and could not be repaired and the Room Papered. The large Stove in the Grand Lodge Room having become so offensive from the escaping of the Gas from it, it was deemed necessary to have it removed and a new one more suitable furnished. In consequence of 3rd Street between Walnut and Spruce Streets being Repaved, the Curb Stone before the Hall was Considered unfit to Reset and new Stone has been furnished corresponding with our Neighbours. A New Pavement has been laid before the Hall and four Ornamental Trees Planted and Boxes placed around them for Protection. The Rented Apartments of the Hall Continued Occupied and the Rents punctually Paid. The Committee have received for Rent One Hundred and Eigthy Seven Dollars and

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Fifty Cents and Paid it over to the Grand Treasurer, they have also drawn from the Grand Treasurer, Six Hundred Dollars and Paid it away as per accounts and Vouchers handed to the Grand Secretary, all of which is most respectfully Submitted.

Cha$^{s.}$ M^{c}Caraher.

Philad$^{a.}$, Dec$^{r.}$ 27^{th,} 1839. John C. Smith.

The following was Received, Read & Adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee on the Petition of L. A. Wollenweber Report, That the difference between the Brethren arose chiefly on the construction of an Article in the By Laws of the Lodge (N$^{o.}$ 125) and they feel gratified in Saying, that after proper and Friendly explanations made in accordance with that Spirit which should ever prevail among Members of the Great Masonic Body, the matter at variance was amicably adjusted and all the Members of the Lodge in attendance were Satisfied.

They therefore offer the following Resolution,

Resolved, that Bro. Wollenweber have leave to withdraw his Petition.

Very Respectfully,

S. Badger.

Philadelphia, March 2$^{d.}$ 1840. Mich$^{l.}$ Nisbet.

The following Report of the Committee of Finance for the 4th Quarter of 1839 was Read & adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report the following Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the Fourth Quarter Ending Dec$^{r.}$ 27, 1839.

Receipts.

Lodge Dues City and County, . .	988.86	
" " Elsewhere, ...	66.	
		1054.86
Dispensations, ...		60.
Certificates, ...		10.
Rent of Room and Cellars, ...		62.50
Ahiman Rezin, ...		3.25
		1190.61

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Expenditures.

Interest to Stockholders, . . .	37.50	
d^o^ " Dancing Assembly on Mortgage, ...	1320.	
d^o^ " to J. C. Fisher, . . .	200.	
Grand Secretary, Salary &c., . .	200.	
Grand Tyler, " and Tyling, .	48.	
Advertizing Meetings, &c., . . .	40.	
Taxes, Gas, Repairs, &c., . . .	463.92	
		2309.43
Payments exceeding Receipts . .		1118.81

Memorandum.

1839.		1839.	
Oct^r^ 1, Bal. in hands of G. Treas^r^	686.86	Dec. 27, Bal. in hands of G. Treas^r^	780.56
" Bal. in hands of G. Sect^y^	1083.59	" Bal. in hands of H. Committee, . .	15.14
" Bal. in hands of H. Committee, . .	129.06	" Expenditures 4^th^ Quarter,	2309.42
Dec^r^ 27, Bal. due to Gr^d^ Sect^y^	15.		
Receipts 4^th^ Quarter, .	1190.61		
	3105.12		3105.12

Respectfully Submitted,

A. E. Dougherty, Alex^r^ Diamond, Wm. H. Adams, Joseph S. Riley. } Committee.

Phild^a^, Feb^y^ 27^th^, 1840.

The following Report from the Committee of Finance for the year 1839 was Received, Read and Adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a^

The Committee of Finance respectfully report a Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures for 1839.

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Receipts.

Lodge Dues City and County, ...	2363.22
d° Elsewhere, ...	416.
Dispensations, ...	260.
Certificates, ...	58.
Interest from Franklin Institute, ...	4629.34
Rent of lower Rooms and Cellars, . . .	256.25
Ahiman Rezin, ...	19.75
For Error in former A/c with Franklin Institute, ...	20
Balance in hands of Grand Treas$^{r.}$ Gr$^{d.}$ Sect$^{y.}$ and Hall Committee Dec$^{r.}$ 27th 1838 was, .	1351.52
Balance due to Grand Secretary, ...	15.
	9369.28

Expenditures.

Interest to Stockholders, . . .	3206.50	
" to Trustees Sinking Fund, .	1217.20	
" to Dancing Assembly, . .	1320.	
" to J. C. Fisher, . . .	400.	
" to Trustees Girard Bequest, .	237.84	
" to Gr$^{d.}$ Com. of Charity, .	40.30	
Grand Secretary, Salary, &c., . .	800.00	
Grand Tyler and Tyling, . . .	181.50	
Printing Circulars, advertising, Stationery for Gr$^{d.}$ Treas$^{r.}$ and Ahiman Rezin, ...	65.12	
Hall Committee Ordinary Expenses, .	853.66	
ditto, ...	251.46	
Bal$^{e.}$ in Hands Gr$^{d.}$ Treas$^{r.}$.	780.56	
" " " Hall Committee,	15.14	
	995.70	
		9369.28

Respectfully Submitted.

A. E. Dougherty, Joseph S. Riley,
W. H. Adams, Alex$^{r.}$ Diamond, } Com$^{ee.}$

Philad$^{a.}$ Feb. 27th 1840.

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The R. W. Grand Master Stated that the Letter from Bro. Kingsbery read on the 27th Decr. and referred to the Grand officers had been replied to Under their direction by the Grd. Secretary.

The R. W. Grand Master laid the following Correspondence before the Grand Lodge, Viz:

The following addressed to S. H. Perkins, &c., Grd. Master, &c.,

Miss Sarah Burd begs leave to remind the Gentlemen of the Masonic Lodge that she holds Two Thousand Dollars of their Loan, which has been due Upwards of Five Years and of which she now requests Payment in Legal Currency.

February 18th. 1840.

Reply.

Mr. Perkins has just received the Note of Miss Burd in relation to the Two Thousand Dollars which She holds. No Exertion will be wanted on the part of the Grand Lodge to meet your Views, but nothing can be done till after the Meeting on the 2d March.

Miss Sarah Burd,
231 Chestnut St.

Very respectfully,
Saml. H. Perkins,
Feby. 1840.

To the Franklin Institute,

Gentlemen,

The Grand Lodge has been called on for the Payment of a very large Amount on the Loan now due. She has no other means of Meeting the demand but by Collecting the Bonds due from Franklin Institute. Agreeably to the Instructions I have entered Judgment on the Bonds. Will you have the Goodness to inform me if any arrangement can be made, by which a Sale of the Property can be prevented, or at least postponed till better times. The Grand Lodge will Meet on the Second of March at which time I wish to lay before them any proposition you may please to make.

Very respectfully,
Saml. H. Perkins,
Feby. 18th. 1840.

Bro. Joseph S. Riley offered the following Resolution which being Seconded, was adopted:

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Whereas, there is now overdue from the Franklin Institute over Sixty Thousand Dollars and the Grand Lodge being required to Pay some Fifteen or Sixteen Thousand Dollars and the Fact of a Large Amount of her Loans being now over due and it being uncertain how soon she may be Called upon for Payment, and having no other resources but the indebtedness of the Franklin Institute that she can rely on to liquidate the said Loans,

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Committee of Five be appointed by this Grand Lodge with power to meet any similar Committee that may be appointed by the Franklin Institute, to Consult on what measures will be necessary to raise the said Sum of Money, or to take Measures to effect a Sale of the Chestnut Street Masonic Hall, and that the said Committee have power to Act in the premises as they may deem most to the Interest of this Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to Appoint Bro^{s}. Riley, Newcomb, Stevenson, Dougherty & Prevost a Committee to Carry the above Resolution into effect.

The following offered by Bro. Joseph S. Riley being Seconded was adopted.

Whereas, much Confusion, Loss and waste of Time has been occasioned by the want of some system of keeping and arranging the Books, Vouchers, Certificates of Stock, Deeds, Papers, &c., &c., of this Grand Lodge,

Therefore be it Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to have all his Books, Vouchers, Certificates, Evidences of Debt, Papers, &c., &c., so arranged, Endorsed and filed away that they can be easily found, and a Schedule Book of the same to be kept and arranged upon the principle of Debtor and Creditor.

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Girard Bequest and the Grand Committee of Charity be requested to procure a suitable Iron Safe or Tin Case for the safe keeping of all their Certificates of Stock, Evidences of Debt, Books, Papers, &c., &c., with a Schedule Book similar to the Grand Secretary and that they keep the same in the Fire Proof attached to this Building, the Keys being retained by the said Trustees and Committee respectively.

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Resolved, that all Deeds, Vouchers, Evidences of Debt, Papers, &c., &c., belonging to or in any way Under the Control or Care of this Grand Lodge, or any of its Trustees, Committees, Officers or others, be kept in the Fire Proof attached to this Building.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be requested to furnish each of the above named Trustees, Committees, Officers or others with a Copy of the above Resolutions or Resolution, or to any person that may be known to hold any of the Vouchers, Books, Papers, &c., or Supposed to hold any.

On Motion of Bro. A. E. Dougherty and Seconded, it was Resolved, that Five Brethren be appointed to be Styled "The Trustees of the Charity Fund" and that the now Committee of Charity hand over to the Said Trustees when appointed, all the Books, Papers & Property appertaining to the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint as Trustees of the Charity Fund, the Brethren now Composing the Grand Committee of Charity, Viz:

Charles Stout, Jacob Alter, John Jones, Matthew Cartwright and Samuel M. Stewart in the place of Bro. Cha$^{s.}$ Eisenwein removed out of the State.

The Grand Secretary announced the Decease of Bro. James Clarke, D. D. Grand Master, for the Counties of Fayette & Greene.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bro. Enos S. Gandy on the Committee of Finance in the place of Bro. Charles Peaslee, Resigned.

Bro. Joseph R. Chandler was then Installed into the office of R. W. Deputy Grand Master and being duly proclaimed Received the accustomed Salutations of the Craft.

The Committee of Finance Reported (Verbally) Progress in the examination of the Trust Funds, &c.

On Motion of Bro. A. E. Dougherty and Seconded, the Question of Extra Interest in the A/c of the Trustees of the Girard Bequest to Dec$^{r.}$ 27$^{th.}$ 1838 be referred to P. G. Masters, Newcomb, Barger & Read.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at Ten Minutes past Nine o'clock in the Evening.

Samuel M. Stewart,
Grand Secretary, Pro Tem.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 1st. A. D. 1840. A. L. 5840.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro[r] S. H. Perkins,	R. W. Grand Master.
" Joe[h] H. Chandler,	" " D. " "
" Cor[s] Stevenson,	" " S[r] Gr[d] Warden.
" W[m] Barger.	" " Jr[r] " "
" R. R. Moore.	" " G[d] Treasurer.
" Mich[l] Nisbet.	" " " Secry.
" Jno. Thomson.	" " D. " "
" Jno. D. Moore.	Senr Gr[d] Deacon.
" J. W. M'Grath.	Jun[r] " "
" Jno. Collins.	Grand Pursr

Past Grand Master, Bro. B. Newcomb.
Proxey N[o] 62 Bro. J. R. Chandler.

Lodges.	Names of Brethren.
N[o]	2. Collins.
"	3. G. Thomson. Moore. Zerres.
"	9. Bradley. Taylor. M'Carnher. Martin. Moore.
"	52. Thomson. Markland.
"	53. Goodman. High. Cook. Engard.
"	58. Gandy.
"	67. Earngy.
"	72. Davy. J. A. Phillips. D. Nathans. Myers.
"	73. West. Barger. Thompson. Stevenson. Williams.
"	91. Perkins. Stork.
"	114. Spackman. Coburn. Van Osten. Barrett. Krider.
"	115. Stiffe. Black. Diamond. Ward. M'Cloud. A. E. Dougherty.
"	125. Vail. Hazelen.
"	130. Chandler. Gloninger. M'Grath. Lasure. Moody.
"	135. Sutton. Fritz.
"	138. Moore. Andrews.
"	186. Stewart.
"	211. Cartwright.

Nineteen Lodges being represented the R. W. Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at 30 Minutes before 8 o'clock, P. M., The R. W. Grand Master in the Chair.

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On Motions made & Seconded the following Brethren were admitted as Visitors, Viz—

W^m F. McGlensey	of	No.	3
Jacob Myers	"	"	3
J. Winchester	"	"	3
Samuel Norris	"	"	19
J. J. Werner	"	"	51
Barnet Hart	"	"	71
Gideon G. Wescott	"	"	130
A. Larentree	"	"	155
George A. Oliver	"	"	158
Gershom Craft	"	"	158
W^m Russell	"	"	186
David Kyle	"	"	211
W^m Morun	"	"	4 Putnam C^y. Geo.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of Monday, March 2d were read and approved; the Grand Secretary stating his inability to comply with part of the resolutions for want of room in the present Fire Proof.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to state, That he had several conversations with the Managers of the Franklin Institute & that they stated they were sanguine of being able to raise the Money needed from them by the G^d. Lodge.

The following communication was received and read, Viz: At a Stated Meeting of S^t. Johns Lodge, N^o. 115, held on Monday evening, April 20th, 1840, A. L. 5840.

It was on Motion of Bro. A. E. Dougherty and seconded by Bro. Alex^r. Diamond,

Resolved, that the Officers of the Lodge be instructed to apply to the R. W. G. Master for a Dispensation to Elect at our next Stated Meeting a Senior (and if necessary) a Junior Warden of the Lodge.

Extract from the Minutes.

Signed. Alex^r. Diamond,

Philad^a., May 25th, 1840. Secr^y.

When upon Motion the prayer of the Lodge was granted.

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The following letter was received & read.

Greensburgh, May 21st, 1840.

Dear Sirs & Brothers of the grand lodge of Penn. at Philadelphia: owing to a number of the fraternity we had to close our lodge N°. 64 owing to the members not being punctual in paying. Not a night of Meeting for the last two years that we had one third of our number, owing to their being scared as to anti Masonry. What few that was left, say ten or twelve, had to take all on themselves and this number seen proper to suspend all the rest. Dear Brothers, the furniture, jewells, implments is all going to waste and now I ask for your honourable institution to forgive what is left of us the arrearage that is back and start us in the new. And then we shall do better which I know we can and also report to your honourable Body at any time you shall call on the fraternity. What number that is left of us are not afraid nor never shall be scared by the Anti Masons. And we further promise to do better for the future and shall be ready to answer your honorable body at any time. Our number of Good Masons is what I state to you and the prospect of it flowing with Good Members is without doubt.

Yours &c.,

Signed. Wm. Smith, Secy.

On Motion Resolved, that the said letter be referred to the Grand Secretary to reply to it.

The following was received, read and ordered to be filed.

We the officers of Lodge N°. 60 Would respectfully recommend our Worshipful Elect Br. Christian P. Gummert to fill the vacancy of District Grand Master which had occur'd in the Death of Br. Clark.

Signd. Thos. Duncan, S. W.
Paul Jones, Jr. W.
John Snowden, jr., Secy.
Westley Frost, Tr.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brother Christian P. Gummert of Lodge N°. 60, Brownsville, District Deputy Grand Master for the Counties of Fayette & Green in place of Bro. Robert Clark, deceased.

The following Communication & Petition was received & read:

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Brownsville Lodge, No. 60 of Hope & Good intent.
Brownsville, Penns[a].
March 3[d] A. D. 1840, A. L. 5840.

It being Stated meeting Lodge met at their Hall.

A motion was made & seconded, that we petition the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penns[a] for an exoneration from the dues of Last year, for the following reasons, Viz:

First, the former building having been used for a Lodge for 40 Years, was so far decayed, and unfit for use as to render it necessary to erect a new one, in the year 1834. The cost of the new building amounted to about Fourteen Hundred dollars, which we have been endeavoring ever since to discharge in every honourable way, but still a very considerable amount thereof remains unpaid. The creditors having now waited a long time, we feel very Solicitous to liquidate their entire claim and therefore represent that by getting the dues subscribed for last year granted to these debts it would enable us to pay them off much sooner than we otherwise could do; the more so as we have all subscribed as liberally as we could with convenience to our Means and with an eye to our credit in payment of our dues to the G. Lodge, which we trust will not be charged with vanity in saying that we have as punctually paid for a period of nearly 40 years, as any Lodge in the State. Having in common with our brethren elsewhere to withstand the ill natured and unjust opposition arising from the black hearted Malignity of Antimasonry. We are proud to say, we have Sustained the conflict nobly, and come off Victorious.

2[d] Neither have we been deterred from making efforts to promote the good of the order by the hardness of the times, so called, which we are free to admit has not been unfelt by us, as most of our brethren indebted to the Lodge can scarcely find it convenient to pay off their dues at present, add to which the fact that we are not doing much business in Lodge at this time.

3[d] We have been occupying our Lodge building for 3 or 4 Years notwithstanding the coldness of the winter season without any plastering on the ceiling or walls. In conclusion we would respectfully add, that if the R. W. G. Lodge will grant us a donation of the last years dues we will endeavor to strain

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another point and plaister our House, the doing of which will cost at least $140.

For the above reasons, and many more that we might mention, we earnestly ask the donation before named, and if it should meet the approbation of your honourable body we propose to start in a fresh and on even footing from the 27th of Dec$^{r.}$, 1839 and will endeavour to keep up even for the future.

From the above imperfectly portrayed circumstances we have passed the beforementioned Resolution in Lodge as above stated.

(Signed) John Snowden, jr.,
Sec$^{y.}$

To the Right Worshipfull.
Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

On motion the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

The following letter was received and read.

Chemuncey, 23 March, 1840.

Brother S. M. Stewart,
Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge Penn.
Dear Sir,

You probably have forgotten me; I was in Philadelphia during the Summer of 38 and attended the Lodge several times under your certificate of the 21st June, 1838. I was formerly a member of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 70 which you informed me had been expelled for non-payment of dues; you also gave me a list of expelled Lodges and then stated to me the condition upon which Lodge N$^{o.}$ 70 could be restored. I have given the information to the members who have had two or three meetings on the subject, and I am requested to write to you in behalf of said N$^{o.}$ 70. I am informed that the dues were paid over to the Treasurer & was supposed by the members of the Lodge that the whole dues were actually paid over to the Grand Lodge. The Lodge suspended work some years on account of the Morgan excitement, which was considered a prudent course. Since that time they are unwilling to pay dues, and before that time the dues are all paid. The Charter and Jewells are all on hand and the members of Said Lodge N$^{o.}$ 70 are anxious to be restored to their original standing and acknowledge allegence to the Grand Lodge of P$^{a.}$ & the regular place of meeting At Athens as usual. If the Grand Lodge will consent and restore said Lodge, you are requested to make known the pleasure of

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the Grand Lodge on behalf of N°. 70 to me as soon as convenient after the receipt of this line.

Very Respectfully
Yours Fraternally
(Signed) Asahel Buck.

Which letter on Motion was referred to the Grand Secretary to reply to it and also to correspond with Bro. Joseph Kingsbery on the subject.

The Committee on By Laws made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Master & Grand Lodge of the State of Penns^a.:

The Committee on By Laws respectfully report, That they have examined the amendments, asked for, to the By Laws of Lodge N°. 121 and offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the same be approved.

(Signed) Alva Mason,
Mich^l. Nisbet,
Committee.

Philad^a., May 22^d. 1840.

Which report & resolution on motion were adopted.

General Returns from the following Lodges were received, Read & ordered to be filed, Viz:

N°. 60.
" 81, F. A. E—, Suspended.
" 91, E— R. B—, expelled.
" 119.
" 125.
" 158, K— C—, E— W. B—, T— H. B—, Expelled.
" 211, M— L—, Rejected. M— L—, J— O—, J— W. S—, R— M—, J— J— and J— S—, Suspended.
" 216, B— N—, H— H—, G— P—, W— P—, T— D—, M— S—, J— M—, & H— S—, Suspended for Non payment of dues.

Communications were received, & read in part, from the Grand Lodges of Georgia & Virginia and on Motion referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

On motion of Bro^r. A. E. Dougherty the Committee on conference with the Franklin Institute were authorized to employ Bro^s. B. Newcomb & Sam^l. H. Perkins as Counsel.

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Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 5 Minutes before 9 O'clock, P. M.

Michael Nisbet,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 7th, A. D. 1840, A. L. 5840.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Brother	Samuel H. Perkins,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	Josh. R. Chandler,	" "	Dep. " "
"	C. Stevenson,	" "	Sr. G. Warden.
"	William Barger,	" "	Jur. " "
"	Robn. R. Moore,	" "	Gd. Treasr.
"	Michl. Nisbet,	" "	" Sectry.
"	J. Thomson,	" "	Dep." "
"	R. Hutchinson,	" "	Sr. Gd. Deacon, P. T.
"	J. W. McGrath,	" "	Jr. " "
"	J. J. Kerr of Ohio,	" "	Gd. Chaplin.
"	Jacob Steiner,	" "	" Swd. bearer.
"	John Collins,	" "	" Pursuvt.

Past Grand Master, B. Newcomb.
Proxy. Josh R. Chandler No 64

Lodges.	Names of Brethren.
No. 2,	Collins, Desilver.
" 3,	Martin, Thomson, English, McCaraher, Moore.
" 9,	Haslam.
" 19,	Bradley, Haswell.
" 51,	Thomson, Markland.
" 52,	Smith, Dorff, Cook.
" 59,	Garrett, Adams, Gandy.
" 67,	R. Hutchinson, Josh Hutchinson, Weeks, Van Osten, Smith.
" 71,	Davis, Myers, Smith, Phillips.
" 72,	Barger, Stevenson, West, Thomson, Molan.
" 91,	Perkins, Stork, Neagle, Manning.
" 114,	Spackmen, Coburn.
" 115,	Young, Diamond, Black, Dougherty, McCloud, Newcomb.

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N°. 125, Steiner.
" 130, Chandler, Riley, Gloninger, Easby, McGrath, Clemens, Lescure.
" 135, Quinton.
" 186, Kille, Donnelly, Barrington.
" 187, Wallace, Hickey.
" 211, Cartwright.

Twenty Lodges being represented, the R. W. Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at Ten minutes past 7 O'Clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Comm^n. of Monday, June 1st were read and approved.

The following letter was received & read:

Michael Nisbet, Esq^r.

Sir,

About the years 1823 or 4 a misunderstanding occurred between myself and George Washington Lodge, N°. 143, held at Chambersburg; in consequence of the misunderstanding I was Suspended, from which decision I appealed to the Grand Lodge of Penns^a., the Grand Lodge sustained my appeal & appointed a Committee to investigate my accounts with G. W. Lodge, N°. 143; that Committee after an investigation, reported me Debtor about nine Dollars for which sum I gave my note payable I think to the treasurer of said Lodge, but which note has not been paid. George Washington Lodge, N°. 143, having long since become extinct by the Surrender of its Charter, I am at a loss to know to whom I am indebted and would respectfully ask the R. W. Grand Lodge for information and direction on this subject.

According to a resolution of the Grand Lodge at that time, I think I am still under suspension until the above mentioned note is disposed of; I therefore pray the R. W. Grand Lodge to take such order on the subject as will restore me to my good Standing among *Masons*.

You will oblige me by bringing this matter before the Grand Lodge at their first Quarterly Communication & oblige.

Your friend,
Signd. James Wilson,
Carlisle.

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Which letter on Motion was referred to the R. W. Grand Master and the Grand Secretary with power to act.

The following letter was also received and read:

Sir & Brother,

We have neglected for the two or three years past to hold our election. I have examined the Ahiman Rezon but cannot find how to proceed. I wish you at the coming Grand Communication to procure a dispensation for holding the election, I think that will be the course and I will again try to revive the Lodge and forward it on to me at Milford, Pike Co^{y}. Pa. Lodge N^{o}. 82, and believe me your friend & Brother,

(Sign'd) Daniel Burrell, W. M.,

To M. Nisbet. Milford Lodge, N^{o}. 82.

G^{d}. Sect^{y}.

Which was also (on motion) referred to the R. W. Grand Master & the Grand Secretary.

The following report was read and on Motion adopted—as also the resolution appended thereto.

Philad^{a}. September 3^{d}. 1840.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania:

Brethren,

The undersign'd your Committee appointed upon the letter of Bro. Joseph Kingsberry addressed to Past Grand Master Randall, containing an application to Re-enter upon the Warrant, Furniture &c., of Lodge N^{o}. 70 at Athens, Bradford County & to reopen the same.

Report,

That the duty has been attended to & that after matters were put in proper form the R. W. Grand Master issued his dispensation to proceed and reorganize the said Lodge, but upon the application of the Petitioners to those who have possession of the Warrant, Furniture, &c. they refused to deliver the same to the applicants. This was made known to the undersigned & the dispensation was returned, with an application to enter upon the Warrant, furniture, &c., of Lodge N^{o}. 108, held at Wysox & Orwell in the same County, a dispensation to allow this was accordingly issued & on the 14th of August returns were received by the Grand Sec^{y}. showing the revival & reopening of Lodge N^{o}. 108 on the 24th of June last with 29

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Members (officers included). Your Committee offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the proceedings be sanctioned & the Committee discharged.

Sign'd
Josh. R. Chandler.
S. H. Perkins.
C. Stevenson.
Wm. Barger.
Robinson R. Moore.
Michael Nisbet.

The following report from the Grand Committee of Charity, was received Read & referred to the Commte of Finance.

The Committee of Charity of the Grand Lodge beg leave to present an account of the fund committed to their care, up to June 11th. 1840. Viz:—

16	Certificates of Masonic 6 Pr Ct Loan . .		$1600.00
1	do " " 6 " " Debt . .		1343.37
1	do " " " " " " . .		53.31
1	do " Gas Loan		21.34
1	do " " "		10.67
1	do " 11 Shares Southwark Loan Co.		275.00
			3303.69
	Less due the Treasurer		5.74
			3297.95
Investments per last report Decr. 27th. 1839 .			3203.50
Showing an increase since last report of . .			$ 94.45

Receipts and *Disbursements* from Decr. 27th. 1839 to June 11th. 1840.

1840 *Receipts.*

Jany 21st	6 Months dividend on Soutk Loan 3½ P. Ct.		$ 8.25
Febry 4th	6 " Int. on Masonic Loan . . .		27.00
	12 " " " " Debt . . .		80.60
	18 " " " Certificate Gas Loan .		1.92
	6 " " " Pennsylvania Loan . .		15.00
17th	Drawn out of the Saving Fund . . .		72.07
	Cash recd for 2 Certificates 5 P Ct Pennsylvania Loan		570.00
	Due C. Stout Treasurer		5.74
			780.58

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Disbursements.

1839 Decem^{r}	27th.	Balance due C. Stout Tres^{r} . . .	$ 5.44
1840 Febr^{y}	17 "	Paid S. H. Thomas for a Certificate of debt of the Grand Lodge of $53.31	50.00
	"	Paid Tho^{s} Biddle & Co. for 7 Certificates of 6 P C^{t} Masonic Loan 100.00	700.00
March	9 "	Paid J. Wucker for Cert^{e} of Gas Stock of 10.67	10.00
June	6 "	Paid Joseph Weaver Jur. for executing the title papers from Trustees of Lodge N° 69 at Chester for a house & lot in the borough of Chester	15.00
		Postage	.14
			$780.58

The Committee of Finance made the following report which Lodge N° 69 at Chester, a Deed Executed by them to this Committee, as Trustees, for a house & lot in the Borough of Chester, the lot is 34 feet wide by 120 feet depth, supposed to be worth, from Four to Five Hundred dollars. The Committee of Charity agreeable to a resolution of the Grand Lodge, handed over to the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge all the property held by them. Viz:—

Deeds and Title papers of the Lot in the Borough of Chester.

16	Certificates	Masonic Loan $100 ea . . .	$1600.00
1	do	" Debt	1343.37
1	do	" "	53.31
1	do	Gas Loan	21.34
1	do	" "	10.67
11	Shares	Southern Loan par value . . .	275.00

Together with all the Books and papers in Possession of the Committee

The Committee offer the following resolution:—

Resolved that the Committee of Charity be discharged from all further duties. Signed. Cha^{s} Stout
Jacob Alter
John Jones

June 11th. 1840 Comm^{e}

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The Committee of Finance made the following report which was read and accepted.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance respectfully presents the following Statement of the receipts & Expenditures by the Grand Treasurer for the first quarter ending March 31, 1840 and for the Second quarter ending June 30 1840 Viz:—

1st Quarter—*Receipts*

Lodge Dues, City & County . .	$ 942.18	
do elsewhere	50.00	
Dispensation & Certificates . . .	78.00	
Franklin Institute on a/c of Intt .	1000.00	$2070.18

Expenditures

Interest to Stockholders . . .	$1772.42	
S. M. Stewart (refunded him overpaid)	15.00	
Salaries, Gas, various repairs &c. .	664.73	$2452.15
Balance in the hands of Grand Treasurer March 31st. 1840 . . .	$398.59	
Amount of expenditures exceeding receipts	381.97	
	$780.56	

2d Quarter—*Receipts*

Lodge & Chapter Dues	$722.02	
Rents of lower rooms	125.00	
Dispensation & Certificates . . .	74.00	
		$921.02

Expenditures.

Interest on Mortgage & on Gas Certificates	$209.59	
Salaries, Gas & Water rents . .	407.91	$617.50
Amount of receipts exceeding expenditures	$303.52	
Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, March 31, 1840 . .	398.59	

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Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer,
June 30th. 1840 . . . . . $702.11
Philadelphia. Sep 7, 1840 Sig'd A. E. Dougherty
Wm H. Adams
Alexr Diamond
Joseph Riley
E. S. Gandy
Committee

General Returns from the following Lodges were received, Read & ordered to be filed. Viz:—

N° 22 ————
" 45 S. N. P. D. J— I—, C— U—, T— N—, W— B— B—, J— T—, J— P—, G— I—, J— M— M—.
" 62 Returning the reinstatement of William Stahle, Jno. R. Mandersfield, Solomon S. Stout and the Suspenn N. P. D. D— R— B—, W— C— L—, T— O—, W— L—, G— H—, J— R—, D— R—, & J— H— V—.
" 152 Returning, M— R— B—, J— L—. W— S— A—, J— W— R—, & D— S—, Suspended N. P. D.
" 190 ————
" 201 ————

Communications were received from the following Grand Lodges. Viz:—

New Hampshire	to	June 1840.
Massachusetts	"	March 1840
Connecticut	"	May 1840
New York	"	June 1840
Maryland	"	May 1840
Mississippi	"	February 1840

which on motion made & Seconded were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Bror J. S. Riley from the Committee on the Indebtedness of the Franklin Institute made a verbal report, that the Committee were progressing.

The present price of the Ahiman Rezon being brought before the RW. Grand Lodge on the propriety of a reduction in its price—the subject was referred to the Committee of Finance & the Grand Secretary with power to act.

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Grand Lodge closed in harmony at half past Eight O'Clock P. M.

Michael Nisbet
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 7th, A. D. 1840, A. L. 5840.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present.

Brother	Samuel H. Perkins,	R. W. G$^{d.}$ Master.
"	Jos$^{h.}$ R. Chandler,	R. W. D. G$^{d.}$ Master.
"	Cor$^{s.}$ Stevenson,	" " S. G$^{d.}$ Warden.
"	W$^{m.}$ Barger,	" " Ju$^{r.}$ " "
"	R. R. Moore,	" " " Trea$^{r.}$
"	Michael Nisbet,	" " " Sec$^{y.}$
"	Jno. Thomson,	" " D$^{y.}$ " "
"	Jno. D. Moore,	" " Sen$^{r.}$ G$^{d.}$ Deacon.
"	Z. A. Davis,	" " Jur. " " P. T.
"	Peter Van Pelt,	" " G$^{d.}$ Chap$^{n.}$
"	William Whitney,	" " G. Marshall.
"	Jacob Steiner,	" " " Sword Bearer.
"	John Collins,	" " " Pursui$^{t.}$
"	John M. Read,	Past G$^{d.}$ Master.
"	J. R. Chandler,	Proxy of N° 62
"	Joseph S. Riley,	" " " 201

Lodges Represented	Names of Brethren.
N° 2,	Collins, Desilver, White, Ashmead, Cummins.
" 3,	Martin, Moore, English, McCullock, P. Hatfield, Florence, Thomson, McCaraher, Webb, Colladay, Dillman.
" 19,	Bradly, Haswell, Patton.
" 51,	Thomson, Whitney, Duke, Markland, Bouvier, Read, Nesbett.
" 52,	Goodman, Cook, High, Engard, Thomas.
" 59,	Garrett, Gandy, Adams.
" 67,	R. Hutchison, J. Hutchison, Baugh, John Hutchison, Smith, Hamilton, Webb, Haswell.
" 71,	Davis, Myers, Hyneman, Leviestien, Phillips.
" 72,	Stevenson, Barger, Williams, Molan, Thomson, West, Davis.

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N° 91, Perkins, Nagle, Stork, Femmington.
" 114, Boyd, Kreider, Coburn.
" 115, Diamond, Dougherty, Young, Black.
" 125, Bournonville, Steiner, Veit, Mayweg.
" 130, Riley, Chandler, Lescure, Clemens, Moody, Logue, Gloninger, Groves, Hosack.
" 155, Fritz, Chambers, Allen.
" 158, Moore, Roberts, Cooper, Dannaker.
" 186, Stewart, Helmbold, Barrington, Lane.
" 187, Wallace, Hickey.
" 211, Hutchison, Tilford, Quinton, Cartwright, Holmes, Laughlin, McKinney, Illingsworth.

Twentyone Lodges being represented, The RW. Grand Lodges was opened in Ample form at a quarter past Six O'Clock, P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Grand communication of Monday, September 7th were read and approved.

The following Report was received, read & adopted.

The Committee of Finance Report that they have examined the within account and have found the same correct, in connection therewith submit the following resolutions.

Resolved, that the transfer of the property herein set fourth by the Committee of Charity to the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby approved and that the Committee of Charity be and they are hereby discharged.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Charity fund, be and they are hereby authorized to dispose of the House and Lot in Chester, and to invest the amount realized therefrom in Masonic Loans or other safe securities.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Charity fund of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, be and they are required to report Quarterly to the Grand Lodge, a Statement of the Investments of said Fund and an account of the receipts and expenditures for and on account of Said fund.

To the RW. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, Dec$^{r.}$ 4$^{th.}$ 1840. Sign'd by
Joseph S. Riley, A. E. Dougherty,
Alex$^{r.}$ Diamond, W$^{m.}$ H. Adams,
Committee of Finance.

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The following Report &c., was received, read and adopted, and ordered to be filed.

To the RW. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance Respectfully Report, that they have examined the property delivered to the Grand Secretary Michael Nisbet by the late Grand Secretary, S. M. Stewart and that the above and foregoing Inventory of said Property is Correct.

Philadelphia, December 4th, 1840.

Signd. Joseph S. Riley. A. E. Dougherty.
Alex$^{r.}$ Diamond. W$^{m.}$ H. Adams.

The Inventory is as follows,
Viz:

In the Fire Proof.

One Tin Box Containing as follows:

The Charter of the RW. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, with a letter enclosed from Brother Lawrence Dermot.

One Mortgage to G. M. Dallas, Bayse Newcomb, Josiah Randall, James Harper, Thomas Kittera, Samuel Badger, and John Steele, Trustees of the RW. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, with the accompanying Bond, issued by the Franklin Institute & due as follows:

$20.000.00	due	&	payable	1s^{t}	January,	1836.
"25.183.34	"	"	"	"	"	1838.
"25.183.33	"	"	"	"	"	1840.
"25.183.33	"	"	"	"	"	1842.

One Policy of Insurance on Furniture by the American Fire insurance Company, which expires 12 M. May 29th, 1845, for, ... $3.000

One Policy of Insurance on the Hall South 3^{d} Street, by the Inland Navigation & Fire insurance C$^{y.}$ Perpetual for, ... $10.000

One Policy of Insurance on the Hall South 3rd S$^{t.}$ by the American Fire Insurance Comp$^{y.}$ Perpetual; for, . . $7.000

One Official copy of the Will of our late Bro$^{r.}$ Stephen Girard.

One Packet Cont$^{s.}$ Addresses made to George Washington; President of the United States, in 1791 & 1796 also his replies; the original of one & a fac simile of the other.

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On the Shelves.

6 Rough Minute Books.
8 Minute Books (say) A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. the latter the one now in use.
1 Transfer Book for Masonic Loans up to January, 1825.
1 Leger Masonic Loan 1819 to 1823.
1 Stock Book Masonic Loans.
1 Grand Secretary's Check Book.
1 Register of Warrants Letter A.
1 Book for Standing Committee of Charity.
1 Book for Dispensations.
1 " " Register of Members Yer^{s}. 1789 to 1823.
1 " General Leger.
1 " Journal.
1 " Index to Vol. 1s^{t} Register of Members.
5 Letter Books, Viz: N^{os}. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 the latter now in use.
2 Minute Books of Building Committee 1802, 1819.
2 Account Books of do. do. 1809, 1819.
1 Parcel Book of Lodge N^{o}. 50.
1 do. " " " " 68.
1 do. " " " " 124.
4 do. " " " " 127.
3 do. " " " " 128.
2 do. " " " " 139.
3 do. " " " " 160.
3 do. " " " " 183.
28 Copies, Grand Secretarys Communications the year 1823.
8 " " " " " " 1824.
44 " " " " " " 1838.
105 " " " " " " 1831.
45 " " " " " " 1831–1838.
1 Block-Lettered (a Key Stone).

In the Fire Proof Room.

7 Boxes containing papers filed away by the former RW. Grand Secretary Brother Bernard Dahlgreen.
1 Chest containing the Books, Papers, &c., & the Furniture, Jewells, &c., of Lodge N^{o}. 46.
3 Small Rods of Iron.
2 Iron Weights.

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Grand Secretarys Room.

One Book Case. Containing
1 Parcel of Geo. Washington letter Lithog$^{t.}$
9 Copies, Ahiman Rezon (Bound) one in use.
1 Book Blank Certificates of Masonic Debt.
1 " Suspensions, Expulsions, Rejections & Reinstatements of Foreign Grand Lodges.
1 Small Copper plate of the Hall in Chestnut Street.
1 Book labeled, "List of Certificates & Transfers Masonic Loans" (Blank not used).
1 Dividend Book.
1 Book Rough Minutes now in use.
1 Special Committee Book.

One Book Case with basement of Drawers
Containing

1 Book for Registering Committees.
1 " " Copies of Bills rendered Subordinate Lodges.
1 Transfer Book Masonic Loans N$^{o.}$ 2.
1 Book Register of Warrants N$^{o.}$ 2.
1 " " " Certificates.
1 " " " Dispensation Vol$^{m.}$ 2d.
1 Book Minutes of the Trustees of the Masonic Loan.
1 Stock Leger.
1 Day Book Commencing 1834.
2 Journals.
1 General Leger.
2 Registers of Members of Sub^{e} Lodges (say) N$^{o.}$ 2 Vol$^{s.}$ 1 & 2.
1 General Register.
1 Index to No. 2 Register of Members.
1 Promissory note drawn by Daniel Hesser in favor of S. H. Thomas, Grand Secretary, Protested June 28th, 1825 for, ... $60.00
1 Promissory note drawn by V$^{r.}$ Pepin in favor of S. M. Stewart, Grand Treasurer, due Feb$^{y.}$ 24th, 1833, for, $100.00
1 Copper plate for Printing Grand Lodge Certificates.
1 Seal press & Bench.

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1 Seal press & Bench. Grand Lodge Seal. In the drawer of this Bench; is the Seal of the RW. Grand Master; also the Seals of the late Lodges N°. 126—128—134—145 and the late Mark Lodge N°. 67—also
2 Old Grand Lodge Seals.
1 Bed for a Seal Press.
2 Paper crimping Irons.
2 Leads for do. do. do.
1 Leather bed do. do. do.
1 Wooden Mallet.
1 Pine Table.
8 Chairs.
148 Boxes or Drawers containing the Archives, &c., of the RW Grand Lodge.
1 Poker.

Signd. S. M. Stewart,
Philad^a., Aug^t. 25^th. 1840.

Under the care of Bro^r. Cha^s. Schneider, Grand Tyler,
Viz:

The Jewells, Hangings, &c., of Late Lodge N°. 46.
" " " " " " " " 75.
" " " " " " " " 126.
" " " " " " " " 127.
" " " " " " " " 128.
" " " " " " " " 160.
" " " " " " " " 171.
" " " " " Late Mark " 67.

1080 Copies of the Ahiman Rezon unbound.

Signed. Cha^s. Schnider.

Ex^d. by J. S. Riley.
Aug^t. 28/40.

Philadelphia, August 25th, 1840.

Signd.
Michael Nisbet,
Grand Secretary.

The following report was received from the Committee of Finance and read & accepted.

To the RW. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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The Committee of Finance respectfully report a Statement of the receipts & expenditures by the Grand Treasurer for the 3d quarter ending September 30th, 1840, Viz:

Receipts.

Lodge Dues, ...	$844.84	
Dispensations, ...	41.00	
Rent of room, ...	62.50	$948.34

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders, . . .	$924.00	
Salary & allowances to Officers, . .	290.50	
Gas, Candles, Coal & Charcoal, . .	206.44	$1420.94
Expenditures exceeding receipts, . . .		$ 472.60
Balance in hands of G. T., June 30th, 1840, .		702.11
do. " do. " do. Sepr. 30" " .		229.51

Signd. Enos S. Gandy, A. E. Dougherty,
Joseph S. Riley, Wm. H. Adams,
Alexr. Diamond,
Committee of Finance.

Philadelphia, November 23d, 1840.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 115, praying for an alteration in its By Laws, which was read & on Motion referred to the Committee on By Laws.

Communications were received from the following Grand Lodges, Viz:

Maine	to February,	1840.
New Jersey	" November,	1840.
Kentuckey	" August,	1840.

Which on motion were referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

Bror. J. S. Riley from the committee upon the indebtedness of the Franklin Institute—and upon the Committee Appointed on the 2d of March last on the subject of the indebtedness, &c., of the RW. G. Lodge &c reported progress in both cases, when on Motion both Committees were Continued.

The Grand Secretary Reported that he had completed the arrangements contemplated by the resolutions of March 2d, 1840 & produced the necessary Books—When on Motion of past Grand Master Jno. M. Read it was resolved,

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That, the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Grand Secretary for his attention to the dutys assign'd him.

The committee of the Girard Bequest were called upon to report, but the chairman not being present, no action was had upon the call.

This being the evening appointed by the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge for the Annual Election of its Officers. The Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot for the same when it appeared that the following Brethren were duly Elected, viz:

Bro. Joseph R. Chandler, R. W. Grand Master, in place of Br. Sam[l.] H. Perkins who declined a reelection.

Bro.	Cornelius Stevenson,	R. W.	Deputy G. Master.
"	William Barger,	" "	Senior G. Warden.
"	John W. M[c]Grath,	" "	Junior G. Warden.
"	Robinson R. Moore,	" "	Grand Treasurer.
"	Michael Nisbet,	" "	Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to Elect by Ballot Five Trustees of the Girard Bequest when it appeared the following Brethren were Elected, viz:

Alexander Diamond.	Bayse Newcomb.
Samuel H. Perkins.	Enos S. Gandy.
Samuel Badger.	

The Grand Secretary reported that the Committee appointed on the price of the Ahiman Rezon, had fixed the same at Fifty Cents per copy in Sheets.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 O'Clock, P. M.

Michael Nisbet,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, December 28th, A. D. 1840, A. L. 5840.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication.

S[t.] Johns Day having been Sunday The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge Convened on this day Monday 28th.

Present:—

Bro.	Samuel H. Perkins,	R. W.	G[d.] Master.
"	Joseph R. Chandler,	" "	D." "
"	Cor[s.] Stevenson,	" "	S. G[d.] Warden.
"	William Barger,	" "	Ju[r.] " "

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Bro.	Robn. R. Moore,	R. W. Gd. Treas.
"	Michael Nisbet,	" " " Secy.
"	Jno. Thomson,	" " Dy." "
"	Jno. D. Moore,	" " Senr. G. Deacon.
"	S. Y. Black,	" " Jur. " " P. T.
"	P. Van Pelt,	" " Gd. Chaplain.
"	Wm. Whitney,	" " " Marshall.
"	Jacob Steiner,	" " " Swd. Bearer.
"	Jno. Collins,	" " " Pursuit.
"	T. B. Freeman,	Past Gd. Master.
"	J. R. Chandler	Proxy No. 62.

Lodges Represented	Names of Brethren.
No 2,	Desilver, White, Ashmead, Collins, Kelly.
" 3,	Moore, English, Florence, McCaraher, Heysham, Thomson.
" 9,	Andrews.
" 19,	Bradly, Haswell.
" 51,	Markland, Thomson, Freeman, Whitney.
" 52,	Goodman, Dorff, Cook, Brick.
" 59,	Scott.
" 67,	Josh Hutchison, R. Hutchison, Stout, Martin Van Osten.
" 71,	Davis, Myers.
" 72,	Stevenson, Barger, Molan, Thompson.
" 91,	Nagle, Manning, Perkins, Stork.
" 114,	Kreider.
" 115,	Black, Wallace, Diamond.
" 125,	Steiner, Bournonville, Hahnlen.
" 130,	Chandler, Moody, Gloninger, Lescure.
" 155,	Gaul.
" 158,	Moore.
" 186,	Smith, Helmbold.
" 187,	Wallace.
" 211,	Quinton.

Twentyone Lodges being represented, The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at Twenty minutes past Ten O'Clock, A. M.

General Returns were received from the following Lodges, Read and ordered to be filed, Viz:

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N°. 19, Returning the Expulsion of C— I. S—, H. S—, M— D—, O—, P—.
" 51,
" 59.
" 67.
" 71, Returning the Expulsion of W— M°M—, B— W. C—, J— H—, S— H. T—, F— J. H—, F— M—, E— F—, J— M— W—, J— L—, D— N—, for non payment of Dues.
" 72, Returning the Expulsion, A— S. L—, P. C. P—, J. G. T—, P— M— for Non payment of dues.
" 158.
" 186.

That part of the Minutes, relating to the election of Grand Officers, were read from the Grand Quarterly Communication of December 7th and the following officers Elected being present, they were severally installed into their respective offices. And being duly proclaimed, received the accustomed Salutations of the Craft,

Viz:

Bro.	Joseph R. Chandler,	R. W.	Grand	Master.
"	Corn$^{s.}$ Stevenson,	" "	Dep$^{y.}$ "	"
"	William Barger,	" "	S$^{r.}$ G$^{d.}$	Warden.
"	Robinson R. Moore,	" "	G$^{d.}$	Treasurer.
"	Michael Nisbet,	" "	"	Secretary.

Bro. J. W. M°Grath, RW. Junior Grand Warden elect; being absent from the City was not Installed.

The resignation of Brother David F. Gordon, D. D. Grand Master for county of Berks was received, read and accepted.

The RW. Grand Master was then pleased to make the following appointments for the ensuing year, Viz:

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Brother Joseph Kingsbery of Sheshequin, Bradford County, for the Counties of Bradford & Tioga.

Brother Robert Moderwell of Lancaster, for the County of Lancaster.

Brother W$^{m.}$ B. Potts of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County, for the County of Schuylkill.

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Brother Joseph L. Stechter of Reading, for the County of Berks.

Brother Christian P. Gummert of Brownsville, Fayette County, for the Counties of Fayette & Greene.

Brother James M. Porter of Easton, Northampton County, for the Counties of Lehigh, Northampton, Pike & Susquehanna.

Brother John Bermingham of Pittsburgh, for the County of Allegheny.

Grand Chaplains,
Viz:

Rev$^{d.}$ Brother Robert Piggott.
" " John Chambers.
" " James Wiltbank.
" " Peter Van Pelt.
" " John B. Clemson.
" " Orson Douglass.
" " Charles Hoover.
" " Charles H. Alden.
" " J. J. Kerr.

Grand Deacons,
Viz:

Brother John D. Moore, S$^{r.}$ G$^{d.}$ D.
" William Whitney, Jur. G$^{d.}$ D.

Grand Stewarts.

Brothers Lambert Keatting & W$^{m.}$ Mayweg,
Peter Fritz, Grand Marshal.
Jacob Steiner, Grand Sword Bearer.
John Collins, Grand Pursuivant.
Charles Schnider, Grand Tyler.

Trustees of the Charity Fund,
Viz:

Brothers Charles Stout.
Jacob Alter.
John Jones.
Matthew Cartwright.
Jno. H. Markland.

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Committee of Finance,
Viz:

Brothers A. E. Dougherty.
Wm. H. Adams.
Joseph S. Riley.
Jno. W. Kelly.
William English.

Committee of Correspondence.
Viz:

Brothers Andw. M. Prevost, J. A. Phillips, J. S. Zornes.

Committee on Publication,
Viz:

Brothers E. W. Keyser, Chas. V. Hagner, John Goodman.

Committee on By Laws.
Viz:

Brothers Alva Mason, Samuel Davis, Michael Nisbet.

Hall Committee,
Viz:

Brothers Charles McCaraher, Jno. C. Smith, William Clinton.

The Grand Secretary nominated John Tomson of No. 51 as Deputy Grand Secretary; the nomination of this Brother was unanimously approved by the RW. Grand Lodge.

The following was received and read, and on motion made & Seconded, referred to the R. W. Grand Master & Grand Secretary with power to act.

Williamsport, Lycoming County,
Penna., A. D. 1840, A. L. 5840.

The Petition of the undersigned late Members of Lodge No. 106, Situate in Williamsport, Respectfully represent,

That owing to their proximity to the Scene of action which for a few years past tended to the unjust persecution of Worthy Ancient York Masons, your petitioners were under the necessity of discontinuing their labours in order to live in peace with an excited people, but trusting that the mighty avalanche of proscription and persecution has passed and that Justice has again become the rule of action of our neighbours. We pray

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our brethren of the Grand Lodge to reinstate us in all our rights of Membership, with our ancient charter and all our right & privileges under said Charter.

And we as in duty bound

Will ever pray.

Signd.	Robt. Fleming.
Jos. W. Smith.	C. G. Heylman.
Henry D. Ellis.	John Smith.
Josh. S. Williams.	H. Lenhart.

The following was also received & read; and on motion made & seconded, referred to the RW. Grand Master & Grand Secretary with power to act.

To the RW. Grand Lodge of Free and accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereto belonging.

We the undersigned, being regular Master Masons formerly Members of the Lodges mentioned against our respective Names, pray for a Warrant of Constitution empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge at Harrisburg to be called "The Keystone Lodge" and there to discharge the duty of Masonry in a Constitutional Manner; according to the forms of the order & the rules & regulations of the Grand Lodge, and we have nominated and do recommend brother Jacob Broom to be the first Master, brother Henry Beader to be the first Senior Warden, and Brother C. F. Muench, to be the first junior Warden of the said Lodge; the prayer of this petition being granted we promise Strict conformity to the Ancient land Marks of our order & the rules & regulations of the Grand Lodge.

In presenting this petition it is deemed proper to remind this RW. Grand Lodge, that formerly there existed in this Borough a lodge, which became dissolved from a neglect of the requirements of the rules and regulations, which from time to time have been prescribed by the RW. Grand Lodge, and that the undersigned some of whom were members thereof deem it highly expedient to revive Said Lodge on account particularly of the privileges which would thereby be given to brothers, who have been either irregularly initiated, or have since rendered themselves unworthy of that Social Communication, which none but worthy Masons are able to appreciate—The under-

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signed are not able at this time to make up the fee required by the rules & regulations of Masonry, but have every assurance, from the prospects presented of being able shortly, to pay over the amount from the proceeds of their Work and labor in this good and charitable cause. They therefore humbly pray, that the RW. Grand Lodge will extend to them its favor by granting a Charter, to be paid for at such reasonable time as it may prescribe.

Harrisburg, Dec$^{r.}$ 12, 1840. And they will ever pray, &c.

Signd. Jacob Broom, of Lancaster, Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 43.
Henry Beader, Late of Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, Harrisburg.
Jacob Betz, Late of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 62, Reading.
Israel Sallade, Late of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 62, Reading.
John Maclaughlin, late of Amacitia Lodge, Marietta, Lancaster County.
W$^{m.}$ Q. Wallace, Late of Village Lodge No. 143, Chester C$^{o.}$
D. W. Hyde, Late of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 62, Reading.
Jeffrey Wells, Late of N$^{o.}$ 82, Milford, Pike C$^{o.}$
Hugh Keys, Late of Washington County.
W$^{m.}$ J. B. Andrews, late of Harmony Lodge, Hilsboro, N. H.
Tho$^{s.}$ L. Wilson, late of Columbia Lodge No. 3, Washington, D. C.
George L. Mytinger, late of Perseverance Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 21.
C. F. Muench, late of do.
William Goode, Lodge No. 62, Reading.
Jacob Shromovo, Late 21.
Geo$^{e.}$ W. Laing, Wilkesbarre Lodge.

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On Motion of Bro. C. Stevenson, The RW. G. Master, was requested to furnish a Copy of his address to the Grand Lodge for the purpose of having it placed in the Archives.

On Motion of Bro. English of N°. 3, The Thanks of this RW. Grand Lodge were voted to Bro. S. H. Perkins, R. W. P. Grand Master for his able & efficient administration of the Grand Masters duties whilst in office, and that the present Grand officers be a Committee to convey the said vote to him.

On Motion of Bro. Thompson of Lodge No. 72, it was resolved the said Lodge be granted the privilege of meeting in this Grand Lodge room instead of the Chapter room, as soon as their By Laws are made to correspond with the Said alteration.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 15 Min^{ts}. past 12 OClock, P. M.

Michael Nisbet,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 1st, A. D. 1841, and A. L. 5841.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:—

Brother	Joseph R. Chandler,	RW. Grand Master.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	" " Dep^{y}. " "
"	William Barger,	" " S^{r}. G. Warden.
"	Jno. W. M^{c}Grath,	" " J^{r}. " " Elect.
"	John Bradley,	" " G^{d}. Trea^{r}. P. T.
"	Michael Nisbet,	" " " Secr^{y}.
"	John Thomson,	" " Dep^{y}. G^{d}. Sec^{y}.
"	John D. Moore,	" " S^{r}. G^{d}. Deacon.
"	William Whitney,	" " Jur. " "
Rev^{d}.	" Peter Van Pelt,	
"	" John B. Clemson,	
"	" James Wiltbank,	
"	" J. J. Kerr,	
"	" C. H. Alden,	Grand Chaplains.
Brother	William Martin,	Grand Marshall, P. T.
"	Jacob Steiner,	" Sw^{d}. Bearer.

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Brother	John Collins,	Grand Purs^{t}
"	B. Newcomb,	
"	John M. Read,	
"	Sam^{l} H. Perkins,	Past Grand Masters.
"	Jos^{h} R. Chandler,	Proxy for N° 62
"	Joseph S. Riley,	" " " 201

Lodges Represented	Names of the Brethren.
N° 2,	Collins, R. W. Desilver, Kelly, T. Desilver.
" 3,	Martin, McCullock, Pearson, Thomson, Florence, Zornes, M^{c}Caraher, Heysham.
" 9,	Andrews.
" 19,	Bradly, Smith, Haswell.
" 51,	Whitney, Thomson, Read.
" 52,	J. Goodman, Cook, Smith, Long.
" 59,	Garrett, Scott, Adams, Gandy.
" 67,	Van Osten, Weeks, Martin.
" 71,	W. B. Schnider, Hyneman, Davis, Myers, Frychmutch, Phillips.
" 72,	West, Thompson, Stevenson, Barger, J. English, Williams.
" 91,	Manning, Perkins, Neagle.
" 114,	Coburn, Kreider.
" 115,	Newcomb, Young, Stoffe, McCloud, Black, Diamond, A. E. Dougherty, Wallace.
" 125,	Steiner, Veit, Bournonville.
" 130,	Gloninger, Chandler, Riley, Clemens, Winderly, Lescure.
" 155,	Flick, Gaul, Bowen.
" 158,	Kelly, Mason, Moore.
" 186,	Stevens, Hastings, Corkin, Barrington.
" 187,	Rittenhouse, Knight.
" 211,	Cartwright, Holmes.

Twenty two lodges being represented, the RW. Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at a quarter before Seven OClock, P. M.

The following visitors were admitted
J. M. Moss, N° 2, Louis Solomon, N° 71, J. R. Flanagan, N° 130, Francis D. Deckker, N° 211, John Page, N° 211.

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Minutes of the Grand Quarterly Communication of December the 7th were read and amended as follows: by striking out the words "upon the committee to collect the money due to the Grand Lodge" and insert in lieu, "from the Committee appointed on the 2d March, 1840, on the subject of the indebtedness &c., of the Grand Lodge."

The Minutes being thus amended were adopted.

The Minutes of the Grand Annual Communication of Monday, December 28th were then read & approved.

The following Petition was received, read & referred to the elective Grand Officers with power to act.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of free and accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The undersign'd regularly initiated in the Mysteries of Ancient freemasonry in Lodges duly Constituted and established, being desirous of reviving the order in the Borough of Harrisburg, County of Dauphin, beg leave humbly to solicit the necessary action of the RW. Grand Lodge in furtherance of their desire. They there fore pray that the said RW. Grand Lodge may grant them a revival of the Charter of Perseverance Lodge, N°. 21, first remitting all dues and obligations of said Lodge to the Grand Lodge which were incurred prior to its dissolution.

And as in duty bound will pray, &c.

Harrisburg, January 28th, 1841. (Signd)

Jacob Broom,	of N°.	43.
Wm. Q. Wallace,	" "	142.
Henry Beader,	" "	21.
Israel Sallade,	" "	62.
Geo^{e}. L. Mytinger,	" "	21.
William Goode,	" "	62.
Jno. Maglauchlin,	" "	".
Hugh Keys,	" "	45.
Tho^{s}. L. Witson,	No. 3	D. C.
W. J. B. Andrews,		N. H.
H. C. Schwitzman,		21.

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The following Petition was received, read & referred to the elective Grand Officers, with power to act.

Your Petitioners Members of Millford Lodge, No. 82, would represent that for various reasons, they have not met since the last returns to the Grand Lodge in 1837 when the number of the Members was 10; Which number is now reduced Considerably and from the encouragement we have received from a number of Men of Good Standing and Brothers but not members of our Lodge we would pray the Grand Lodge to accept of this return for Officers & to exonerate us from all Grand Lodge dues up to the 1st January, 1841 and reinstate again, and we pledge ourselves to use every exertion to perform all the requisites of the Grand Lodge in future.

Yours Fraternally,
(Signd) Daniel Burrell.
Francis A. L. Smith.
Garret Nanankin.

Brother John W. McGrath, RW. Junior Gd. Warden elect being present was duly installed into office and being duly proclaimed received the accustomed Salutations of the Craft.

The Committee of Finance made the following report which was received and accepted.

To the RW. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance respectfully Submit the subjoined statement of the receipts and payments of Grand Treasurer for and on account of the Grand Lodge for the Quarter ending December 31st. 1840, viz:

Receipts.

For Lodge Dues, ...	$765.18	
" Rent of Rooms, ...	"125.00	
" Dispensations & Certificates, .	" 74.00	
" Interest on a/c from Franklin Institute, ...	"500.00	
" Cash received of Brother Newcomb for Trustees of Real Estate, ...	"750.00	$2214.18

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Expenditures.

For Interest paid to Loan holders and on Gas Stock, . . .	$897.92	
" Taxes $283, Gas $63 18/100, Repairs, &c., $86.87 . . .	"383.05	
" Salaries to Gd. Secretary, Grd. Trr. and Grand Tyler,		
For Tyling and printing, advertising, &c.,	"330.00	1610.97
Amount of receipts exceeding disbursements, .		$603.21
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, September 30th, 1840, ...		"229.51
do. do. do. Decr. 31, 1840,		$832.72

Philadelphia, February 27th, 1841.

Signd. A. E. Dougherty, Joseph S. Riley,
Wm. H. Adams, John W. Kelly,
Committee.

The following report was received from the Same Committee, Read and accepted.

To the Right W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance respectfully submit a Statement of the receipts and payments by the Grand Treasurer for and in account of the Grand Lodge for the past year, Viz:

Receipts.

For Lodge & Chapter dues and rent, &c., ...	$3324.22	
" Dispensations & Certificates, .	" 267.00	
" Rent of lower rooms, . . .	" 312.50	
" Interest from Franklin Institute, ...	"1500.00	
" Cash received of Bro. Newcomb for Trustees Real Estate,	750.00	
		$6153.72

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Payments.

For Interest to holders of Loan & Gas Certificates, &c., . .	$3803.93	
" Salary & allowances to Grand Secy. Grand Treasurer, Grand Tyler,	"1175.00	
" Gas, Taxes, Fuel, Water Rent & Candles, ...	772.91	
" Repairs to Hall & pavement & materials for do. &c., .	" 334.72	
" Amount paid S. M. Stewart,	" 15.00	
		$6101.56
Amount of Receipts exceeding expenditures, .		$ 52.16
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, Decr. 31, 1839, ...		" 780.56
do. " do. " do. Decr. 31, 1840,		$ 832.72

Philadelphia, March 1st. 1841.

(Sign'd) A. E. Dougherty, Joseph S. Riley,
Wm. H. Adams, John W. Kelly,
Committee.

The following report was received, read & adopted.

To the RW. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Committee appointed on the Question of Extra Interest in the account rendered to December, 1839 by the Trustees of the Girard Bequest.

Respectfully Report:

That it appears from the accounts of 1838 & 1839 that the Sum of Fiftynine Dollars & Seventy and a half cents included therein, arises from a charge of two pr. Cent premium or Interest on certain sums contained in said account and loaned out, being so much more than the lawful Interest of Six per Cent per annum.

Your committee therefore offer the following resolution,— Viz:

Resolved, that the present Trustees of the Girard Bequest pay to the Chairman of the late Trustees of the Girard Bequest, Brother S. Wonderley out of the funds belonging to the Said Girard Bequest the above mentioned Sum of Fiftynine Dollars and Seventy and a half cents.

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All which is respectfully Submitted.

Signd. Bayse Newcomb.

Philad$^{a.}$ March 1s$^{t.}$ 1841. John M. Read.

The three following Reports were received from the Trustees of the Girard Bequest; they were read, accepted & referred to the Committee on Finance.

Girard Bequest of the Gr. Lodge of Pennsylvania.

To Trustees of Said Bequest, Dr.

1839				
January	2$^{d.}$	To Cash paid S. M. Stewart, for 4 Shares Masonic Loan, . .		$400.00
		" Interest to 27th Decem$^{r.}$ 1839, is 11 Mo$^{s.}$ 25 days, ...		" 23.67
July	2$^{d.}$	" Cash paid S. M. Stewart for 5 Shares Masonic Loan, . .		"500.00
		" In$^{t.}$ to 27 Dec$^{r.}$ 1839 is 5 Mo. 25 dys., ...		" 14.57
September	2$^{d.}$	" Cash p$^{d.}$ for 5 Shares Masonic Loan, ...		"500.00
		" Int. to 27 Dec$^{r.}$ 1839 is 3 Mo. 25 dys., ...		" 9.58
				$1447.82

Contra Cr.

1839.					
Jan$^{y.}$	2$^{d.}$	By Cash of G$^{d.}$ Sec$^{y.}$ 6 Mo$^{s.}$ on $7500 Loan, . . .	225.		
		" Cash of G$^{d.}$ Sec$^{y.}$ 6 Mo$^{s.}$ on $6000 Cert^{s} 5, . . .	150		
		" Cash of G$^{d.}$ Sec$^{y.}$ 6 Mo$^{s.}$ on $3964.16 Cert. 5, . .	118.92	$493.92	
		" In$^{t.}$ to 27 Dec$^{r.}$ 1839 is 11 Mo. 25 dys., ...			" 29.22
May 25$^{th.}$		" div$^{d.}$ on 3 Shares Kensington Bank 4½, . . .	$ 6.75		
		" div$^{d.}$ on 102 Shares F. & M$^{ks.}$ Bank 4, . . .	"204	210.75	
		" In$^{t.}$ to 27 Dece$^{r.}$ 1839 is 7 Mo$^{s.}$ 2 dys.,		7.45	

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July	2d.	" Cash of SMS. 6 Mos. Int. on 7900 Loan 6s. . .	$237.00	
		" Cash of SMS. 6 Mos. Int. on 6000 Loan 5s. . .	"150.00	
		" Cash of SMS. 6 Mos. Int. on 3964.16 Cir 6, . .	"118.92	"505.92
		" Int. to 27 Decr. 1839 is 5 Mo. 25 dys,		" 14.75
Decr.	27th,	" Loan on Stock 1 year $1700 Int. & Premm.		"136.00
		" $88 66/100 unappropriated or not invested		" 5.31
		" One year Interest thereon, . . .		
		" Balance pr. last a/c rend. in hands of Treasr.		" 88.56
				$1491.88
		Balance in hands of Treasurer, . . .		$44.06

E. E. Philada., Decr. 27th, 1839,
(Signd) S. Wonderly, Alexr. Diamond,
Thomas Biddle, Michael Nisbet,
Trustees.

Statement of Property belonging to the Girard Bequest of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on the 27th, Decer., 1839.

102	Shares Farmers & Mechanics Bank Stock Cost,	$6932.69
3	" Kensington Bank Stock, "	" 204.
Amt.	due by Gr. Lodge on Certificate of 6 pr. Ct. pr. Ann., ...	3964.16
"	Masonic Loan due 1st Janry. 1845, 5 Pr. Ct. Stock, ...	"6000.00
"	" " past due 6 Pr. Ct. Stock, . .	"8900.00
"	Temporary loan on Stock payable in 30 dys Notice, ...	"1700.00
"	Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, . .	" 44.06
		$27,744.91

The amount of the fund on the 27th Decr. 1838 was $26389 41/100 making the increase of the Bequest up to this date $1355 59/100 it must be borne in mind that the Bequest, has not received any dividend on the Bank Stock since May last, the Bank not having declared any (the loss of the Bequest pre-

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suming the Dividends the same as usually declared) is $210\frac{75}{100}$ had the regular dividends been declared the increase of the fund would have been $1566\frac{25}{100}$.

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

Philad$^{a.}$ Decem$^{r.}$ 27th, 1839.

(Signd) S. Wonderly, Alex$^{r.}$ Diamond,
Thomas Biddle, Michael Nisbet,
Trustees.

Girard Bequest of the Gr. Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

To Trustees of Said Bequest, Dr.

1840.			
Feb$^{y.}$	18th.	To Cash paid for 17 Shares Masonic Loan, ...	$1700.00
		" In$^{t.}$ to 27th Dec$^{r.}$ 1840 is 10 Mo. 9 dys., ...	" 87.55
"	20"	" Cash p$^{d.}$ 4 Shares Masonic Loan,	" 400.00
		" In$^{t.}$ to 27 Dec$^{r.}$ 1840, 10 Mo. 7 dys., ...	" 20.46
March	17"	" Cash paid for Fire Proof Chest,	" 75.00
		" In$^{t.}$ to 27 Dec$^{r.}$ 1840 is 9 Mo. 10 dys., ...	" 3.50
			$2286.51

Contra Cr.

1839.			
Dec$^{r.}$	27th.	By Balance pr. last a/c rend$^{d.}$ this date,	$1744.06
		" In$^{t.}$ to 27 Dec$^{r.}$ 1840 is 1 year, .	" 104.64
1840.			
Feb$^{y.}$	19"	" Cash rec$^{d.}$ of Gr. Tr. Interest on loans,	
		Viz: On 8900 Masonic Loan for 6 Mo$^{s.}$ at 6 Per cent, 267.00	
		" on 6000 do. 5 Pr. C$^{t.}$ 150. "	417.00
		By In$^{t.}$ to 27 Dec$^{r.}$ 1840, 10 Mo. 8 dys.,	21.40
March	17th.	" Cash rec$^{d.}$ of Gr. Tre$^{r.}$ 6 Mo$^{s.}$ Int. on Certificate of $3964.16, . .	118.92
1840.			
March	17"	" Int. on $118\frac{92}{100}$ to Dec$^{r.}$ 27, 1840 is 9 Mo. 10 dys., ...	5.55

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May 21st.	By Cash recd. divd. on 102 Shares F. & M. Bk. Stock for 1 year, .	$306.00		
	" Cash on 3 Shares Kensington 1 Year, . .	9.00		315.00
	" Int. to 27th Decr. 1840 is 7 Mo. 6 dys., ...			11.34
Novr. 25	" Cash for 6 Mos. divd. on F. & M. Bk. S., . .	$153.00		
	" " " " " " " Kensington, . .	4.50		
	" Cash Gr. Tr. Int. to 1st July, 1840 on 11.000 6s., ...	330.00		
	" Cash Gr. Tr. Int. to 1st July, 1840 on 6000 5s.,	150.00		
	" Cash Gr. Tr. Int. to 1st July, 1840 on 3964.16,	118.92		756.42
	" Int. on 27th. Decr. 1840 is 1 Mo. 2 dys., ...			4.03
				$3498.36
	Balance in hands Treasurer, .			$1211.85

E. E.

Philada. December 27th, 1840.

(Signd) S. Wonderly,
B. Newcomb,
Alexr. Diamond,
Trustees.

Statement of Property belonging to the Girard Bequest of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

102 Shares of the Farmers & Mechanics Bank Stock, Cost, ...	$6932.69
3 Shares of the Kensington Bank Stock, Cost,	" 204.00
Amot. of Certificate due by Gr. Lodge bearing Interest of 6 Pr. Ct. Pr. Ann., ...	"3964.16
Masonic Loan due Janry. 1st., 1845, bearing an Interest of 5 P. Ct. pr. Ann., ...	"6000.00
Masonic Loan 110 Shares bearing an Int. of 6 P. C. pr. Ann., ...	11000.00

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In the hands of the Treasurer on 27th Decr., 1840, ... $1211.85

$29.312.70

E. E. Philada. Decemr. 27th, 1840.

(Signd) S. Wonderly,
B. Newcomb,
Alexr. Diamond,
Trustees.

The following bill & resolution was received.

Gr. Lodge of Pennsa.

To Trustees of Girard Bequest.

Interest on loan due Jany. 1st, 1840 & not paid until Febv. 17th, $417 for 1 Mo. 18 dys., . .	$ 6.67
Intt. on 3964.16/100 due 1st. Jan 1840, & not paid until March 17th is 2 Mo. 16 dys. on 118.92, .	" 1.49
Interest due July 1st, 1840 & not paid untill November 25th, 4 Mo. 24 dys., on 598.92, .	"14.37
One Fire Proof bot. by order of the Gd L., . .	"75.00
	$97.53

Resolved, that an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for 97\frac{53}{100}$. Being the amount due the Girard Bequest.

Which bill & Resolution on Motion of Bro. Wonderly were adopted.

The trustees of the Charity fund made the following report and offered the resolution thereto appended which were severally adopted,— Viz:

The Trustees of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge beg leave to present an account of the funds committed to their care to the 27th Decemr., 1840. The Investments of the Trustees then were

16	Certificates	Masonic Loan 6 Pr. Ct. . .	$1600.00
1	"	" Debt " " " . .	"1343.37
1	"	" " " " " . .	" 53.31
1	"	Gas Loan " " " . .	" 21.34
1	"	" " " " " . .	" 10.67
1	"	11 Shares in the Southwark Loan Coy. par value, ...	" 275.00
Cash in the Treasurers hands, ...			" 35.01
			$3338.70

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Investments after deducting $5.74 due the Treasurer of the Committee of Charity June 11th, 1840, then was, ... 3297.95

Shewing an increase of the Funds since June 11th, 1840, ... $40.75

Receipts and Disbursements from June 11th, 1840 to December 27th, 1840.

August 6th, 6 Mos. Interest on Masonic Loan, . . $48.00

Cr.

June	11th,	By Paid the Treasurer of Charity Committee, ...	5.74		
"	" "	" Peter Christian, Esqr., for acknowledging a power of attyr.	1.00		
"	12"	" J. Weaver, Jur., for Recording 2 Deeds of the House & Lot in Chester, . . .	4.00		
July	3d,	" J. Weaver, jr., for recording Deed of Trust of House and Lot in Chester, . . .	2.25		
"	" "	" Bale. in hands of Treasurer,	35.01		$48.00

The Trustees also hold a House & Lot in the borough of Chester late the property of Lodge No. 69, we are not likely to realize any income from the property very soon.

The House is so much out of repair that it is scarsely tenantable. We have had it valued by two Citizens of Chester, George Bartram & T. W. Flower, Esqrs., who gave it as their opinion that it was worth five hundred dollars; The Trustees would ask liberty of the Grand Lodge to sell the property and invest the money in some safe fund. We therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the trustees of the Charity fund of the Grand Lodge be authorized to sell the House & Lot in the borough of Chester late the property of Lodge No. 69 for a sum of not less than five hundred dollars and invest the same in some safe fund. Feby. 12th, 1841.

(Signd) Charles Stout.
Jacob Alter.
Matthew Cartwright.

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The Hall Committee made the following report which was read and accepted.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsa.

The Hall Committee Report that since their last Communication to the Grand Lodge, they have continued to meet regularly at the Hall once every week to attend to the duties assigned them. They regret to State to the Grand Lodge that they have not been able to let any of the apartments of the Hall this year, although they have been advertised in the United States Gazette and on the front of the Hall. Bro. Plummer who occupied the back room down stairs made a settlement with the Committee in Jany. last and gave it up. Mr. Schwabe who occupied the cellar gave it up on the 10th of November last, and paid his rent in full. The front office continues to be occupied by Charles Gibbons Esq., and the Rent punctually paid. Agreeable to a resolution of the Grand Lodge the Committee have had that part of the Will of our late Bro. Stephen Girard, which relates to the bequest to the Grand Lodge, handsomely copied, framed, & hung in the Hall, at the back of the Senior Wardens Pedestal, they have also had reframed the letter of our venerated Bro. Genl. Geo. Washington and hung up at the back of the Junior Wardens Pedestal. The Committee have endeavored to avoid all unnecessary expenditures, but have been compelled out of necessity to have the gas pipes and fixtures thoroughly examined and repaired as they were in a very leaky condition. In the Grand Secretarys room it was deemed necessary for the Preservation of the papers of the Grand Lodge from dampness and the comfort of the Grand Secretary who occupies the room, to have a new stove provided & the old grate taken out of the chimney place, and sold at an auction with the old Nott Stove that Stood in the Grand Lodge room. The hangings in the Royal arch room was out of order, and have been repaired. Your Committee have received for rents &c., $345.37/100 Dollars and paid over to the Grand Treasurer $312.50/100 Dollars and have passed the following Bills. Gas $427.24/100 Dollars, Taxes 233 Dollars, Fuel 95.84/100 Dollars and Sundry Small bills $251, making a total amount of 1007. $\frac{8}{100}$ Dollars.

Your Committee cannot close without remarking that they hope the Grand Lodge will not reflect on them for the present

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condition of the Grand Lodge room, they being aware of the State of the finances of the Grand Lodge have declined incuring any expense for putting it in a neat and cleanly condition, knowing it would cost a considerable sum. All which is most respectfully submitted with an account current.

Philad$^{a.}$, Decer$^{r.}$ 27th, 1840.

(Signd) Cha$^{s.}$ M^{c}Karaher,
John C. Smith,
W. Clinton,
Committee.

The Committee on the By Laws of Subordinate lodges.

Report, that they have carefully examined the alterations asked for in the By Laws of No. 115 and do recommend they be approved, with the exception of the first one which cannot be allow'd.

Jan$^{y.}$ 7th, 1841. (Signd) Samuel Davis,
Alva Mason,
Michael Nisbet,
Committee.

On motion resolved, that the Report of the Committee on By Laws be adopted.

The Grand Secretary presented a bill of H. Lipman Amo^{t} to One dollar & fifty cents, for a Book to Register the members of the RW. Grand Lodge in.

Which on motion was ordered to be paid.

The Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at 10 Min^{s} before 10 OClock, P. M. to meet on Monday, March 15th.

Michael Nisbet,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, March 15th. A. D. 1841, A. L. 5841.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present.

Brother	Joseph R. Chandler,	R. W.	Grand	Master.
"	Cor^{s} Stevenson,	" "	Dep^{y} "	"
"	William Barger,	" "	S^{r} G^{r}	Warden.
"	J. W. M^{c}Grath,	" "	J^{r} "	"

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Brother John Bradley,	R. W. Treas^{r}. P. T.	
" Michael Nisbet,	" " Grand Sec^{y}.	
" John Thomson,	" " Dep^{y} " "	
" John D. Moore,	" " S^{r} G. Deacon.	
" A. Quinton,	" " Jr. " " P. T.	
" J. Clemson,		
" J. I. Kerr,	" " G^{d} Chaplains.	
" Ja^{s} Wiltbank,		
" Peter Fritz,	" " Marshall.	
" Jacob Steiner,	" " Sw^{d} Bearer.	
" John Collins,	" " Purs^{t}.	

Past Grand Masters, S. H. Perkins, B. Newcomb, M. Nisbet.

Lodges Represented	Names of Brethren.
N^{o} 2,	Collins.
" 3,	G. Thomson, Florence, M^{c}Caraher.
" 19,	Bradley.
" 51,	Thomson, Bouvier.
" 59,	Scott, Garrett.
" 67,	Wagner.
" 71,	Davis, Myers, W. B. Schnider.
" 72,	Barger, English, Stevenson, West, Williams.
" 91,	Manning, Perkins.
" 114,	Coburn.
" 125,	Veit.
" 130,	Riley, Chandler, Easby, Moody.
" 155,	Fritz, Gaul, Flick.
" 158,	Moore.
" 211,	Quinton, Cartwright.

Fifteen Lodges being represented the RW. Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at 5 Minn^{s} before 7 OClock, P. M.

The following Communication was received, read & ordered to be entered & filed.

Lancaster, March 11th, 1841.

R. W. G. Secretary,

Dear Sir, Brother,

At a stated meeting of Lodge No. 43, held at their Hall in this City last evening, Brothers G. B. W—, J— F— & L— K— were Suspended from Lodge No. 43 & the benefits of

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Masonry—for non compliance of the By Laws being in arrears to this Lodge for dues.

Very Respectfully & Fraternally
Your Ob$^{t.}$ Serv$^{t.}$
Signd. J. H. Brown, Sec$^{y.}$ Lo. No. 43.

General Returns were received from the following Lodges, read & ordered to be entered & filed.

N$^{o.}$ 2, Containing the withdrawal of Jno. J. Haswell & Joseph T. Murphy; W— B— & D— V— Suspended for Non P. D.

" 3, Containing the decease of Benj$^{n.}$ Duncan, W$^{m.}$ J. P. Raser & Enoch Garside and the Withdrawal of R. K. Harley & W$^{m.}$ Ireland and the Suspension for non payment of dues of W— J. B—, E— B—, E— S. C—, W— F. H—, T— M—, G— P—, B— G. S. W—, W— S. C—.

" 9, Containing the expulsion for non payment of dues of J— W—, W— A—, H— G—, and J— M^{c}K—; and the Withdrawal of Alexander Cathcart & Andrew Todd.

" 43, Containing the Decease of Abner Thomas, Matthias Hensler & Daniel Roth. The withdrawal of David A. Donnelly, Stacy Swem, Benedict L. Arthur, Windall Martzell, John L. Landis. The following were struck from the list of members for want of identity, Theodore Franks, George Klein, Amos Meredith, Charles Heissler, John H. Albright, Christopher Sturn; And the rejection of W— D. S— & S— G. M—.

" 52, Containing the withdrawal of Charles Buehler. The Decease of Jesse Engard, and the Suspension for Non Payment of dues of T— E. W—, C— T— and C— R—.

" 62, Reading.

" 91, Containing the expulsion of A. M. F—, S. J. S— and the withdrawal of J. R. Brooks & G. H. Du Bois.

" 114, Containing the decease of Davis Oram & the suspension for non payment of dues of J— F—, J— J—, T— S—, R— C—, H— H—, D— R—, L— S—.

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N°. 115, Containing the withdrawal of John Graham and the suspension of J— C. O— for non payment of dues.

" 119, Containing the decease of Charles Chandler 2d.

" 138, Containing the withdrawal of Josh. Moyer, Charles Yoder, Benedict Shubert & F. P. H. Lyman; the decease of John Dreher & the suspension for non payment of dues of H. G. G—.

" 152, Containing the Suspension of G— S— for non payment of dues & The withdrawal of Charles H. Snyder, Philip George and the decease of Philip Polk.

" 155, Containing the withdrawal of John J. Hickman & Thomas Patterson; the decease of Thomas Kerns and the Suspension for non payment of dues of D— D—, J— S—, T— L—, J— S. C—, A— C—, J— P— & S— M—.

" 190, Containing the decease of James H. Webb.

" 211, Containing the withdrawal of James Oneill, the decease of Charles B. Austin and the Suspension for non payment of dues of A— L—, J— W—, D— McI—, T— S—, W— McC—, S— D—, R— S—.

On Motion of Bro. S. Wonderly the returns of Lodge N°. 130 were remanded back for Correction.

On Motion the returns of Lodge N°. 187 were postponed untill the next stated meeting, they being incorrect.

Communications were received from the following Grand Lodges,—Viz:

Maryland to November, 1840, Virginia to December, 1840, Georgia to November, 1840, Florida to January, 1841, Alabama to December, 1840, Indiana, to December, 1840, & Missouri to October, 1840.

Which on motion were referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

On motion of Bro. John D. Moore, the Grand Secretary was directed to have a list of rejected, expelled and suspended names printed & send a copy of the same to the subordinate Lodges.

On Motion Past Grand Masters, Newcomb, Read, Perkins and all other past Grand Masters were added to the Committee on Ancient & Modern Masonry.

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The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 5 Min^{s}. past 9 OClock, P. M.

Michael Nisbet,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 7th, A. D. 1841, A. L. 5841.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	Joseph R. Chandler,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	Corn^{s}. Stevenson,	" "	Dep^{y}. " "
"	W^{m}. Barger,	" "	Senr. G^{d}. Warden.
"	Jno. W. M^{c}Grath,	" "	Jur. " "
"	R. R. Moore,	" "	Gr^{d}. Treasu^{r}.
"	Michael Nisbet,	" "	" Secret^{y}.
"	John Thomson,	" "	Dep. G^{d}. Sec^{y}.
"	John D. Moore,	" "	S^{r}. G^{d}. Deacon.
"	Z. A. Davis,	" "	Jur." " P. T.
"	W^{m}. English,	" "	Gr^{d}. Marsh^{l}., P. T.
"	D. Moody,	" "	" Sw^{d}. B., P. T.
"	Jno. Collins,	" "	" Pursu^{t}.

Past Grand Masters.
Bro^{s} Newcomb, Perkins & Nisbet.

Proxies.
Chandler, N° 62, Riley, N° 211.

Lodges Represented.	Names of Brethren.
N° 2,	Collins.
" 3,	G. Thomson, Florence, English, M^{c}Karaher, Moore, Zorns.
" 19,	Griscom, Haswell.
" 51,	Thomson, Markland.
" 59,	Garrett, Adams, Scott.
" 67,	Smith.
" 71,	Davy, Schnider, J. Myers, C. Frismuth.
" 72,	Barger, Stevenson, English, West, Thompson.
" 91,	Perkins.
" 114,	Coburn, Lange, Kreider.
" 115,	A. E. Dougherty, Diamond, Steffee, Newcomb.

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N° 125, Veit, Mehrtins, Bournonville.
" 130, McGrath, Riley, Chandler, Clemens, Moody, Lescure, Easby.
" 155, Flick, Sutton.
" 158, Moore, Mason.
" 186, Helmbold.
" 187, Knight.
" 211, Cartwright.

Twenty Lodges being represented the R. W. Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at 20 Min^{s} before Eight O Clock,

The following Visitors were admitted:

Bro. Joseph Archambault, N° 5, Trenton Lodge.
" Ralph V. M. Cooper, " 45 Cambden, N. J.
" Augustus A. Thomaston, " 62 Reading, Penns.
" Samuel Taylor, & Alex^{r} H. Brook of N° 3.
" Joseph Himmelwright, Louis Salmon, Moses Hyneman & D. A. Davy of N° 71.
" J. Mitchell, Dan^{l} Searly, (by disp^{n}) of N° 91.
" Edward Sleeper No. 130.
" Tho^{s} S. Burnstead No. 158.
" John E. Zigler No. 186.
" William Creasy " 187.
" John Page " 211.

Minutes of the quarterly Grand Communication of March 1s^{t} and the adj^{d} quarterly Grand Communication of Mrch 15th. were severally read and Adopted.

The following Communication & complaint, was received & read and on motion refferred to Bro^{s}. Newcomb, Riley and Bournonville.

To Joseph R. Chandler, Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania & Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The subscriber a member of Lafayette Lodge, N°. 71, was refused admittance in Kensington Lodge, N°. 211, at their last regular meeting on the 4th Int. and respectfully solicits the appointment of a committee to investigate the cause of such a flagrant infringement of his masonic privileges.

Philad^{a}.. June 5, 1841. Yors. Respectfully & Fraternally,
(Signd) Z. A. Davis.

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The following report was received, read & accepted.

To the RW. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance respectfully report a statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the R. W. Grand Lodge by the Grand Treasurer for the first quarter of the present year ending March 31st, 1841.

Receipts.

For Lodge dues, ...	$263.76	
" Dispensations, ...	" 40.00	
" Franklin Institute, ...	"680.00	$983.76

Expenditures.

Interest to owners of Loan Certificates &c.,	$1354.67		
Expenses, Viz: Gas, . .	$203.50		
Gas Fixtures, . . .	" 81.65		
Water Rent, . . .	" 10.00		
Stove & Smith Work, .	" 25.81		
Stationery & Printing, .	" 6.75		
Painting, ...	" 5.85		
Salaries, Grand Secy. Grd. Treasr. Gd. Tyler,	"293.50	627.06	$1981.73
Expenditures exceeding receipts, ...			$ 997.97
Balance in hands of Grand Treasr. Decr. 31, 1840,			" 832.72
" due " " March 31, 1840,			" 165.25

Philada., June 3d, 1841.

(Signd) A. E. Dougherty,
Wm. H. Adams,
Joseph S. Riley,
Committee.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest made the following report which was read & adopted.

To the RW. Grand Lodge of Penn.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully Report,

That since their election in December last they have received from the former Trustees the Certificates of Masonic Loan, Bank Stock, Vouchers of debt & Cash and gave to the late Trustees a receipt for the same. Your Trustees carefully examined & counted each certificate and voucher and found them perfectly correct. To guard the fund from accident they

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directed all monies belonging to the fund, to be deposited when and as received in the Farmers & Mechanics Bank in the names of the Chairman & Secy. of the Trustees, to be drawn out on their joint check.

When the last report of the former trustees was made on the 27th Decem., A. L. 5840, the Fund consisted of

102 Shares Farmers & Mechanics Bank Stock, cost	$6932.69
3 " Kensington " " " "	" 204.00
Certificate of debt due by Grand Lodge 6 P. Ct. .	"3964.16
110 Shares Masonic Loan " " " .	11000.00
60 " " " due 1845 5 " " .	6000.00
Cash on hand, ...	1211.85
Making the total amount of the fund, . . .	$29.312.70

On the 27th Decem., A. L. 5840, estimating the Stock at cost, Twenty-nine Thousand three hundred and twelve dollars 70 Cents.

Since that date the Trustees have purchased 4 shares of Masonic Loan of 1820. Certificates No. 23, 24, 25 & 53 for $400, and one Share 6 pt. Ct. Loan of 1825, No. 118 for 100$ and received from the former Treasurer Eleven 17/100 Dollars Cash being interest on the Cash in his hands between the Date of his report & the paying over the balance.

There was due to the Girard Bequest on the 1st January last from the G. Lodge.

Dividends on Stock Amounting to, . . .	$480.00
6 Mos. int. on Certif. of Loan, ...	"118.92
And by resolution of March 1st., A. L. 5841,	" 97.53
in all	$696.45
To which add the Amount of the fund on the 27 Decem., A. L. 5840, ...	$29,312.70
Making the Fund at the present time, . .	$30,000.15

Or a little more than the limits fixed by our benevolent Brother Girard if the investment were worth what they cost and if the Grand Lodge were to pay her indebtedness. But at the present prices the following is the real state of this Fund.

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102	Shares Farmers & Mechanics Bank Stock, 44,	$4488.00
3	" Kensington " " 35,	" 105.00
115	" Masonic Loan 6 P. Ct.	"11500.00
60	" " " 5 " "	"6000.00
1	Certificate Masonic Debt, ...	"3964.16
Cash in Bank, ...		" 723.02
		$26.780.18

All which is respectfully submitted.
Philad^{a}. June 3d, 1841. (Signd)

S. H. Perkins, B. Newcomb,
A. Diamond, S. Badger,
E. S. Gandy,

Trustees.

General Returns were received from the following Lodges, read and ordered to be entered and filed.

N^{o}. 60, Containing the Withdrawal of George Whiting, John A. Patterson & Richard Brown and the decease of Robert Clark.

" 121.

" 125, Containing the withdrawal of W. L. S. Kiederlen and L. W. Kummerlen.

" 130, Containing the decease of David Good, the withdrawal of Joseph Hosack and the expulsion for non payment of dues of J— H— F—, E— C—, H— H—, J— F—, S— A—, H. C. S—, J. O'L— R—, J— A— & J— M—.

" 187, Containing the Suspension for non payment of dues of A. L. P—, R— R—, L— G— & G— T. W—, the withdrawal of Jonas Brooks & the decease of Samuel Allison & James Watt.

A Communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Ohio to October, 1840, which on motion was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

A communication was received from Lodge N^{o}. 186 covering a copy of the revised By Laws of the Lodge, Which on motion were referred to the Committee on By Laws.

On motion resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be authorised to Grant to Lodge No. 59 authority to elect a Senior & Junior Warden, on proper application from said Lodge.

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On motion of Brother A. E. Dougherty it was resolved,

That in the event of the failure of the Franklin Institute to pay an amount of their indebtedness equal to the demands of the holders of G. L. Loan certificates for Interest due on the 1st of July that the Grand Officers be authorised to borrow such a sum as may be necessary to meet said demands for Interest, binding the faith of the G. L. for the repayment of the amount borrowed.

Bro. Riley read a resolution passed by Lodge No. 130 which at his request was ordered to lie on the Table.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at half past 9 OClock, P. M.

Michael Nisbet,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 6th, A. D. 1841, A. L. 5841.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Brother	Joseph R. Chandler,	R. W.	Grand	Master.
"	Cors Stevenson,	" "	Depy."	"
"	William Barger,	" "	Senr "	Warden.
"	John W. McGrath,	" "	Jur. "	"
"	Samuel Garrett,	" "	Grd. Treasr.,	P. T.
"	Michael Nisbet,	" "	"	Secretary.
"	John Tomson,	" "	Depy Grd	Secy.
"	John D. Moore,	" "	Jur. "	" P. T.
"	W. M. Martin,	" "	Sr. Gd.	Deacon.
"	J. J. Kerr,	" "	Grd.	Chaplain.
"	J. J. Kreider,	" "	Grd.	Marshall, P. T.
"	William English,	" "	"	Sword Bearer, "
"	Thomas B. Florence,	" "	"	Persut

Past Grand Masters.

Broths B. Newcomb, M. Nisbet, Perkins & S. Badger.

Proxies.

Brother J. R. Chandler for No 62.

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Lodges Represented	Names of Brethren.
N° 3,	Florence, G. Thomson, Martin, English, M^cKaraher, Heysham.
" 9,	Knight, Andrews, Stone.
" 19,	Bradley, Haswell, Smith.
" 51,	Thomson, Markland.
" 59,	Garrett, Campbell.
" 67,	Jones.
" 71,	Z. A. Davis, Myers, J. A. Phillips, Hornor.
" 72,	Barger, Williams, Stevenson, West, Thompson.
" 91,	Perkins, Manning, Neagle, Badger.
" 114,	Kreider, Coburn.
" 115,	Steffe, A. E. Dougherty, Newcomb.
" 125,	Mehrtens.
" 130,	M^cGrath, Chandler, Moody, Lescure, Easby.
" 158,	Moore, A. Mason.
" 186,	Barrington.
" 187,	Hickey, Frost, Molan, Knight.
" 211,	A. Quinton, Cartwright, M^cKinney, Illingsworth, Loughran.

Eighteen Lodges being represented the R. W. Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at a quarter past Seven O'Clock,

On motion duly made &c. the following Br^n were admitted as visitors—Viz:

Ja^s G. Doris, Cha^s Vesey, S. Strickland, A. H. Brook and G. B. Meeter of N° 3. Simon Ehrleit & Moses Hyneman of N° 71. Jos^h Archambault of N° 115. Gra^n G. Wescott & A. W. Cammin, jr. of N° 130. Jos^h D. Hilt & Jos^h A. Engleman of N° 187, Tho^s Finletter & John Dorlan of N° 211.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication (June 7th) were read and Adopted.

The following petition was received and read.

To the RW. G. M. and Brethren of the G. L. of Pennsy^a. Your petitioners members of Milford Lodge, N°. 82, respectfully prayeth, that whereas said Lodge for various reasons has not been convened since the year 1836, and consequently no returns to the Grand Lodge since untill the 8th day of December last, it being the regular night for holding the Election for officers for the ensuing year whereupon, Daniel Burrell was

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elected W. M.; Garritt Nanankin, Sr. W.; Henry Burns, Jr. W.; Francis A. L. Smith, Treasurer, and John Leforge, Secy. and whereas the Grand Lodge dues are now some considerable and our members are few it will seem impossible to revive our Lodge by paying up our dues. We the subscribers, members humbly pray that the G. L. will exonerate us from all dues up to this date also to accept this return of Officers and Sanction our proceedings promising in future to make regular returns, pay up punctually, &c.

N. B. the prospect now is favorable if we can get all square up again there is here A number of Masons of good standing late members of other Lodges who would join us well as some young men who also wish to become members.

dated August 23d. 1841. (Sign'd) Elijah Doolittle.
Francis A. L. Smith. John Brink, jr.
Garrit Nanankin. John Leforge.
Moses Bross. Daniel Burrell.

On motion Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

The following Petition was also received and read.

To the RW. Grand Lodge of Pennsa.

The petition of the subscribers Master Masons formerly belonging to Lodge No. 148 held at Northumberland, Northumberland County, which Lodge has suspended labours ever since the year 1836, and its warrant been vacated.

Respectfully represents, that in their opinion the Order, in their vicinity would flourish under proper management, they there fore pray the RW. Grand Lodge to allow them to Revive the said Lodge No. 148 under its original Warrant, Pledging themselves to comply with all the requirements of the RW. Grand Lodge from the time that this petition may be granted.

And your Petitioners as in duty Bound &c will pray.

Northumberland, 3d of August, 5841.

(Signd) William M'Cay, John Cake,
Thomas Gaskins, E. P. Shannon,
William Taggart.

On motion the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

A third petition was received and read as follows:

To the right W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

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The undersigned respectfully represent that for some time past they have entertained the opinion that by reopening and reconstituting Lodge N°. 174 in Downingtown, Chester County, (its former location) they would greatly promote the interest of the Fraternity in the village and the welfare of the Craft in general.

They there fore pray the RW. G. Lodge to pass a resolution. To remit the dues owing by Lodge N°. 174; (which was vacated February 6th, 1837) and to allow the undersign'd to re-enter upon the Warrant of the said Lodge, its Jewells, Hangings, Furniture & property, &c., &c., and to re-constitute & re-open the same for all lawful Masonic purposes, promising fidelity & good faith to the RW. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania, a just & true administration of all its Laws and Ordinances—& a full admission of its Authority, and further, that the RW. Grand Master be authorised to issue his Commission to so re-constitute and re-open the said Lodge, and to install as Officers thereof untill the next period of Election. Joshua Hunt, W. Master; Evan Woodward, Sr. Warden; John Kerlin, Jur. Warden; Joseph Battin, Treasurer, and John B. Menough, Secretary.

Trusting this our request will be granted, We as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

	(Signd)	Josua Hunt.
	J. B. Menough.	John Kerlin.
	Isaac Grey.	Evan Woodward.
	John Dowlen.	Joseph Battin.

The prayer of which petition was on motion, granted.

The Committee of Finance made the following report which on motion was received and Accepted, Viz:

To the RW. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance respectfully report, a statement of the receipts and expenditures by the Grand Treasurer for and on account of the Grand Lodge for the second Quarter ending June 30th, 1841, Viz:

Receipts.

For Lodge Dues, ...	$1231.06	
" Dispensation, &c., ...	" 74.00	
" Rent of lower rooms, ...	" 75.00	$1380.06

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Payments.

For Interest on Loan, ...	$ 3.00	
" " to J. C. Fishers Est$^{t.}$ on Mortg$^{e.}$,	"200.00	
" Treas. $6, Brushes 6\frac{50}{100}$, Disco$^{t.}$ on Vir. notes $\frac{44}{100}$, ...	12.94	
" Salaries, Grand Sec$^{y.}$ $200, Gr$^{d.}$ Treas$^{r.}$ $50, ...	$290.50	506.44
" Grand Tyler 40\frac{50}{100}$, . . .		
Receipts exceeding Expenditures, ...		$873.62
Balance due to Grand Treasurer Mar. 31, 1841, .		165.25
do. " by do. June 30th, . .		$708.37

Signd. A. E. Dougherty, Joseph S. Riley, Wm. English, } Committee.

The following Report was received from the Committee of Correspondence, read and ordered to be filed.

Philad$^{a.}$ June 7th, 5841.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

The Committee of Correspondence have the honor to report That since their last Communication the following documents have been received & referred to them.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, Indiana, Alabama, Maryland, Rhode Island, Texas for 1839, Florida, Mississippi, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, Maine, New Jersey, Kentucky, Missouri, Indiana, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Virginia, for 1840.

Your committee have examined them with attention and are pleased to discover in them unequivocal proofs of the reviving Spirit of Masonry throughout the United States and of its extension to our neighbours of Texas under a regular constituted Grand Lodge of their own. They find nothing that requires any Special action of this Grand Lodge but notice a report made to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey by a Committee appointed to investigate the unhappy difference between the R. W. G. L. of New York & the so called S$^{t.}$ Johns Grand Lodge of the same State. This report fully sustains the views taken of the same Subject by this R. W. Grand Lodge two years since in which it appears they are fully supported also by the Grand

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Lodge of Ohio & we doubt not by all true and regular Masons throughout the Union.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Andrew M. Prevost,
J. A. Phillips,
Committee of
Corespondence.

A majority of the Committee on By Laws made the following Report.

To the R. W. G. Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on By Laws to which was referred the by laws of Lodge N°. 186, Respectfully report,

That they approve of the same with the exception of the 9th Article which they propose shall read as follows: "Each brother shall pay and discharge his dues at least once in twelve months and whoever neglects so to do (being properly notified of the same) may be suspended or expelled."

Respectfully submitted. (Signd) Samuel Davis,
Alva Mason,
Committee.

Which report on motion of Bro. M. Nisbet (one of the committee) was recommitted with instructions, Viz: On Motion of Past G. M. Newcomb to direct the committee to report the 9th Article as originally engrossed by the Lodge, and on motion of Bro. W. English to report Article 11th in accordance with the Ahiman Rezon.

The following Petition & communication was received from Lodge N°. 72.

Philad^a., July 10th, 1841.

At a Stated meeting of Phil. Lodge, N°. 72, held on the 9th day of February last the following resolution, offered at a previous meeting was unanimously passed, Viz:

Resolved, that the words "Second Tuesday" in first article of the By Laws of this Lodge be stricken out & Third Thursday be inserted in lieu thereof and that this Lodge hold their stated & other meetings in future in the Large Room.

Br. Nisbet,

I am directed to hand you a copy of the above resolution & to solicit through you the approval of the RW. The Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

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I am also requested to state that W— R. D—, Vocalist, was expelled on the 20th May for non payment of dues & that J— T. B—, aged 33, Residence 21 Prune St., Attorney at Law, an applicant for initiation & membership, was rejected on the 17th of June.

Resp. & Fraternally Yrs.,
(Signd) W. Clinton,
Secy. of No. 72.

On motion, the prayer contained in the note to M. Nisbet, Grand Secretary, was granted.

Returns were received and read from Lodge No. 108, held at Towanda, Which were ordered to be filed.

Communications were received from the following Grand Lodges.

Massachusetts	to	December	9th,	1840.
North Carolina	"	"	7 "	"
Maryland	"	May	17 "	1841.
Missippi	"	February	1 "	"
New York	"	June	6 "	"

Also Circulars with the Signatures proper of the Officers of the Grand Lodges of Louisiana & Texas all of which on motion were referrend to the Committee of Correspondence.

A Copy of new By Laws was received from Lodge No. 19 which on motion were reffered to the Committee on By Laws. The R. W. Grand Master announced his intention of paying Grand visitations, commencing with Lodge No. 158 the first Tuesday in October.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at half past 9 OClock, P. M.

Michael Nisbet,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 15th, A. D. 1841, A. L. 5841.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Special Meeting.

Present:

Brother	Joseph R. Chandler,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	Corr. Stevenson,	" "	D. G. M.
"	William Barger,	" "	Sr. G. Warden.
"	John W. McGrath,	" "	Jur. G. "

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Brother	Chas. Stout,	R. W. Gd. Tr., P. T.
"	Michl. Nisbet,	" " " Secrety.
"	Jno. Thomson,	" " Dy. G. "
"	Jno. D. Moore,	" " S. G. Deacon.
"	Willm. Whitney,	" " Jr. G. "
"	Peter Fritz,	" " G. Marshall.
"	J. Steiner,	" " " Swd. bearer.
"	John Collins,	" " " Pursuvt.

Past Grand Masters.

Brothers Newcomb, Harper, Nisbet, Perkins.

Proxies.

Brother Chandler for N° 62. J. S. Riley for N° 201.

Lodges Represented.	Names of Brethren.
N° 2,	Kelly, Desilver, Collins, White.
" 3,	Martin, Heysham, McCullock, McKaraher.
" 19,	Bradley, Haswell.
" 51,	Whitney, Thomson, Markland, Rea.
" 52,	Dorff, Goodman.
" 59,	Adams, Campbell, Gandy, Kneass, Davenport.
" 67,	Martein, Stout, Smith, Wagner, Baugh.
" 71,	Myers, Nischmuth, Phillips, W. B. Schnider.
" 72,	Stevenson, Williams, Boyer, Thompson, West.
" 91,	Perkins, Manning.
" 114,	Coburn, Kreider, Housekeeper.
" 115,	Beach, Diamond, A. E. Dougherty, Steffe, Newcomb.
" 125,	Mehrtens, Dobeley, Veit, Bournonville, Steiner.
" 130,	McGrath, Easby, Riley.
" 155,	Flick, Fritz.
" 158,	Pearce, Moore, Lescure, Mason, Riley, Chandler, Ewing, Wonderly, Moody, Paschall.
" 186,	Barrington, Kitte, Hastings.
" 187,	Knight, Rittenhouse.
" 211,	Wuinton, Cartwright, Illingsworth.

Twentyone Lodges being represented the R. W. Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at 25 Minutes past Six O'Clock, P. M.

The following report was received and read.

To the R. W. Grand Master and Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

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The Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the Franklin Institute, &c., respectfully report, that they have performed that duty.

That the Balance of Principal of the purchase Money of the Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street by the Franklin Institute from the Grand Lodge is, ... $85.550.00

That the Balance of Interest due up to 1st of July last past is, ... $ 7.456.51

93.006.51

That the Franklin Institute offer to reconvey the Hall for the Balance of the purchase money $85.550.00 clear of all incumbrances done or suffered by them and to give possession thereof on the first day of January next.

They offer to secure the payment of the Interest due and to become due untill the first day of January next by a Bond togeather with a Mortgage on their Hall in Seventh Street payable in one year with Interest of Six per cent per annum payable half yearly, which Mortgag shall be the first incumbrance on said property and to transfer the Policy of Insurance absolutely they being allowed in settlement the premium paid for Insurance.

Your Committee are of opinion that it is advisable for the Grand Lodge to agree to the said proposition and they offer the following resolutions, Viz:

1. Resolved, that the Grand Lodge will agree and hereby do agree to take back from the Franklin Institute the Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street at the price of $85.550.00.
2. Resolved, that the Grand Lodge will agree and hereby do agree to take a Bond from the Franklin Institute for the Balance payable in one year from the first of January next with Interest half yearly the payment to be secured by Mortgage on their Hall in Seventh Street and will take an absolute transfer of the Policy of Insurance upon the Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street and deduct the premium paid for Insurance in the Settlement.
3. Resolved, that the conveyance be made and the Bond and Mortgage given to the surviving Trustees of the Real Estate of the Grand Lodge in third Street.

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4. Resolved, that the Committee be continued and authorised and directed to carry the foregoing Resolutions into effect.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signd) Joseph S. Riley,
B. Newcomb,
C. Stevenson,
A. E. Dougherty,
} Committee.

Philad[a.] Nov. 15, 1841.

Which report was accepted, and on motion of Bro. P. Fritz, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the resolutions separately; which in succession were severally adopted by an unanimous vote.

On Motion it was unanimously Resolv'd, that the Chairman of the Committee of Finance (Bro. A. E. Dougherty,) be allowed to offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Grand Officers be authorised to borrow such sum or sums of money (not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars) as may be necessary to meet the demands against the Grand Lodge; pledging the faith of the Grand Lodge for the repayment thereof.

Which resolution was on motion unanimously adopted.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at Twenty minutes past 7 O'Clock, P. M.

Michael Nisbet,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 6th, A. D. 1841, A. L. 5841.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Brother	Joseph R. Chandler,	R. W.	Grand	Master.
"	Corn[s.] Stevenson,	" "	Dep[y.] "	"
"	William Barger,	" "	S[r.] "	"
"	John W. M[c]Grath,	" "	Jur. "	"
"	Michael Nisbet,	" "	"	Sec[y.]
"	John Thomson,	" "	Dep[y.] "	"
"	Jos[h.] L. Stichter,	" "	Dist[t.] Depy. G. M. for Berks.	

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Brother	Peter Van Pelt,	R. W. Gr$^{d.}$ Chaplain.
"	John D. Moore,	" " Sr. G. Deacon.
"	William English,	" " Jur." " P. T.
"	Peter Fritz,	" " Gr$^{d.}$ Marshall.
"	Jacob Steiner,	" " " Sw$^{d.}$ Bearer.
"	John Collins,	" " " Pursu$^{t.}$

Past Grand Masters, S. Badger, Read, Perkins, Nisbet.
Proxies, J. R. Chandler for No. 62, Jos$^{h.}$ S. Riley for N° 211.

Lodges Represented	Names of Brethren.
N° 2,	Collins, M^{c}Grath, Kelly.
" 3,	Martin, Page, Thomson, English, Florence, Desilver, M^{c}Karaher, A. Hutfield, M^{c}Culloch, Colliday, Webb.
" 9,	Andrews, Stone, Knight.
" 19,	Bradley, Childs, Griscom, Haswell, Smith.
" 51,	Markland, Thomson, Read, Rea.
" 52,	Goodman, Long, Smith, Brick.
" 59,	Adams, Kneass, Gandy, Decklyne, Campbell.
" 62,	Stechler.
" 67,	Van Osten, Stout, Wagner, Smith, Busch, Hansell, Baugh, Hamilton, Webb, J. Hutchinson, C. Baker, Jones, Weeks, R. Hutchinson, Johnson.
" 71,	Goodman, Myers, Schnider, Hornor, Hyneman, Phillips, Davis, Liversteen.
" 72,	Chandler, Stevenson, Williams, Barger, West, Thompson.
" 91,	S. Badger, W. Badger, Manning, Stork, Perkins, Neagle.
" 114,	Kreider, Burrett, Boyd, Coburn, Spackman.
" 115,	Shaw, Black, Diamond, Dougherty, Steffe.
" 125,	Veit, Steiner, Bournonville.
" 130,	Chandler, M^{c}Grath, Lescure, Easby, Riley, Moody, Frismuth, Clemens, Wonderly, Logue.
" 155,	Flick, Bowen, Fritz.
" 158,	Moore, Cooper, Mason, Andrews, Roberts, Ewing, Dannaker.
" 186,	Stewart, Barrington, Hastings.
" 187,	Knight, Hickey, Frost.
" 211,	Kenny, Holmes, Illingsworth, Fisher, Cartwright.

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Twenty three Lodges being represented the R. W. Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at half past Six O'Clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of September 6th and, of the Special Communication of November 15th, were severally read and Adopted.

Brother Morgan of Towanda, was on Special motion admitted as a Visitor.

The Committee of Finance made the following Report. Which was read & ordered to be filed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance respectfully submit the subjoined Estimate of the Receipts and Disbursments of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, and a Statement of the Debts due by the G. Lodge, Viz:

Estimated Receipts.

For Rent, dues, &c., from Lodges & Rent from Chapters & Mark L., ...	$3.300.00
" Dispensations & Certificates, ...	" 250.00
" Rent of Lower room, &c., ...	" 350.00
" Nett revenue from Old Hall on Chestnut Street, ...	"2.500.00
" Mortgage on Franklin Institute, . . .	"8.500.00
	$14.900.00

Estimated Disbursements.

For Interest on Loans & Mortgages, . . .	$4.644.43
" Amount due Trustees Sinking fund, . .	"1.572.80
" Salaries G. Secretary, G. Treasurer, G. Tyler,	"1.175.00
" Taxes, Gas, Fuel & Incidental Expenses, .	"1.000.00
" Amount borrowed by Grand Officers, Chandler, Stevenson, & Thomson, of Moyamensing Bank, ...	"2.000.00
	$10.392.23
Estimated Receipts exceeding Est$^{d.}$ Disbursements,	$4.507.77

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Debts due by the Grand Lodge.

Fourth Masonic Loan at 6%, ...		$20.000.00
Masonic Debt do., ...		"14.500.00
ditto do., ...		"19.000.00
ditto do., ...		" 500.00
Certificate of Debt to Trustees of Girard Bequest at 6%, ...		" 3.964.16
Certificates of Gas Debts, ...		" 2.271.16
do. Due Trustees of Girard Bequest 5%,		" 6.000.00
Amount due Trustees of Sinking Fund, . .		1.572.80
Mortgages on New Hall in 3d Street, Viz:		
To J. C. Fisher, ...	$6666.66	
" Dancing Assembly, . . .	"5500.00	12.166.66
		$79.974.78
Amount of Invested Sinking fund, ...		6.157.85
Balance of Debts, ...		$73.816.85

Philada. Decr. 6, 1841.

Signd. A. E. Dougherty,
Joseph S. Riley,
W. H. Adams,
Committee.

This being the evening appointed by the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge for the Election of its Officers, the RW. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Phillips of No. 71, Gandy of No. 59, W. Badger of No. 91, & B. C. Cooper of No. 158, Tellers. The RW. Grand Lodge then went into a Ballot, when the following Officers were unanimously Reelect'd Viz:

Bror Joseph R. Chandler,	R. W. Grand Master.
" C. Stevenson,	R. W. Depy. Gd. Master.
" Wm. Barger,	R. W. Sr. Gd. Warden.
" John W. McGrath,	R. W. Jur. Gd. Warden.

" John Thomson, was duly Elected R. W. Grand Treasurer in place of Brother R. R. Moore removed from the City.

Bro. Josh. S. Riley then offered the following resolutions.

Resolved, that from and after St. Johns day next the charge for Rent, light & fuel to the Lodges occupying the Grand Lodge Room be $50— per annum and to the Lodges, Chapters and Mark Lodges $30—

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Resolved, That from and after St. Johns day the Salary of the Grand Secretary be $600 pr. Annum including charge for Stationery, &c.

On Motion they were laid on the table untill the third Monday of this month.

The RW. Grand Lodge then proceeded in the Election, when Bro. Michael Nisbet was duly reelected RW. Grand Secretary, and

Bros. S. H. Perkins, B. Newcomb,
E. S. Gandy, S. Badger,
Alr. Diamond,

Were duly reelected Trustees of the Girard Bequest.

The following was then offered by Bro. T. B. Florence.

Whereas, the property in Chestnut Street known as the Masonic Hall, will come into the possession of the Grand Lodge on the first day of January, 1842—Therefore Resolved, that the Grand Lodge will proceed to the Election of a Superintendent of said Hall.

Resolved, that the Superintendent so elect shall be under the Supervision of the Grand Officers and that they fix the compensation for his services.

The RW. Grand Lodge Adjourned in harmony to meet, on the Third Monday of the Month.

Michael Nisbet,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 20th, A. D. 1841, A. L. 5841.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Brother	C. Stevenson,	R. W.	Dep.	G. M., in the Chair.
"	Jno. W. McGrath,	" "	J. G. W.	as Dep. G. M.
"	Wm. Whitney,	" "	Sr. G. Warden,	P. T.
"	Wm. English,	" "	Jr. "	" "
"	John Bradley,	" "	Grd. Treas.,	"
"	Michael Nisbet,	" "	" Secry.	
"	John Thomson,	" "	Dep. Gd. Secy.	
"	P. Van Pelt,	" "	Grd. Chaplain.	

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Brother E. S. Gandy, R. W. Sr. G. Deacon, P. T.
" G. K. Childs, " " Jr. " " "
" Josh. S. Riley, " " Gd. Marshall, "
" J. Steiner, " " Gd. Swd. bearer.
" Jno. Collins, " " " Pursut.

Past Grand Masters, Brothers B. Newcomb, M. Nisbet, S. H. Perkins.

Lodges Represented Names of Brethren.

No 2, Collins, McGrath, Desilver.
" 3, Pearson, English, King, Thomson, McCulloch, Martin, Florence, McKaraher, Heysham, Desilver, Loughead.
" 9, Stone, Hasland.
" 19, Bradley, Childs, Mackey, Patton, Smith.
" 51, Thomson, Whitney, Bouvier, Markland, Rea.
" 52, Goodman, Cook.
" 59, Garrett, Adams, Gandy.
" 67, Smith, Busch, Johnson, Jones, Baugh, Weeks, Hansell.
" 71, Myers, Davis, Schnider, Hyneman, Levisteen, Phillips.
" 72, Stevenson, Clinton, West, Thompson.
" 91, Manning, Perkins.
" 114, J. J. Krider, Boyd.
" 115, Diamond, Newcomb, Black, Dougherty, Shaw.
" 125, Veit, Dobley, Mehrtens, Bournonville, Steiner.
" 130, Riley, McGrath, Lescure, Easby.
" 155, English, Flick.
" 158, Andrews, Mason, Ewing, Roberts.
" 186, Hastings, Smith, Barrington.
" 187, Frost, Wallace.
" 211, Quinton, Mackennry, Fisher, Illingsworth, Cartwright.
" 201, Josh S. Riley, Proxey.

Twentyone Lodges being represented the RW. Grand Lodge was opened in due form at a quarter past 6 O'Clock, P. M.

The following communication was received and read.

To Brother William H. Adams a Past Master Mason and Member of Lodge Number 59, under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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At an extra meeting of Schuylkill Lodge, N°. 138, held at Orwigsburg, in the County of Schuylkill, on Monday the thirteenth day of December, A. D. 1841, A. L. 5841, you were appointed the representative of this Lodge in the said R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Witness our hands and the seal of our Lodge this Sixteenth day of December, A. D. 1841, A. L. 5841.

(Signd) Michael Seltzer, W. M.

Attest: W. B. Potts, Sec^y.

On Motion duly made and Seconded, Br. W. H. Adams was recognised as the proxey of Lodge N°. 138.

The Committee of Finance made the following report which on Motion was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance respectfully report a statement of the receipts and Payments for the quarter ending September 30th, 1841, by the Grand Treasurer for and on account of the Grand Lodge, Viz:

Receipts.

For Lodge dues, &c., ...	$561.18	
" Chapter " "	" 27.52	
" Dispensations, &c., . . .	" 41.00	
" Rent, lower room, . . .	" 50.00	$679.70

Payments.

For Interest to Loanholders, . .	$969.00	
" Gas, ...	"127.68	
" Cleaning & Washing Hall, . .	" 42.00	
" Charcoal $9.91—repairs, &c. $9.12, ...	" 19.03	
" Salaries, Grand Sec^y. 200, Grand Treas^r. 50, Grand Tyler 40.50, ...	"290.50	$1448.21
Payments exceeding receipts, . .		768.51
Balance due by Grand Treasurer June 30, 1841,		708.37
Balance due to do. Septr. 30, 1841,		60.14

Philad^a., November 26th, 1841.

(Signd) A. E. Dougherty,
W. H. Adams,
Joseph S. Riley.

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The Same Committee made the following report which was read and accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance respectfully report, that the Statements made by the late Trustees of the Girard Bequest, have been examined, compared with the vouchers and found to be correct.

The report of the Trustees of that Bequest dated June 3, 1841, has also been examined, compared with the vouchers and proved to be correct.

In conformity with the directions of the Grand Lodge your committee subjoin a detailed Statement of the various certificates of loan Stock, &c., belonging to said Bequest and held by the Trustees, Viz:

49 Certificates, Masonic Debt, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 55, 56, 57, 64, 65, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 112, 113, 114, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 142, 143, 144, each for 100$, .	$4900.00
51 Certificates 5 per Cent Masonic Loan, Nos., 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 37, 42, 43, 57, 58, 59, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 162, 163, 164, 172, 174, 187, 188, 189, 190 each for 100$, ...	"5100.00
16 Certificates 4th Masonic Loan, Nos. 23, 24, 25, 149, 150, 151, 152, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 153, 198, 199, 200 each for 100$, .	"1600.00
102 Shares of the Stock of the Farmers & Mechanic Bank, Viz:	
Certificate No. 64, March 8th 1833 for 82 Shares.	
" " 138, June 15, do. " 2 "	
" " 647, July 6, 1835 " 8 "	
" " 963, " 23, 1836 " 10 "	
par value $5100, Cost, ...	"6932.69
3 Shares of the Stock of The Kensington Bank, Certificate No. 1131, Decemr. 1st, 1836, par value $150, Cost, ...	" 204.00

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Certificate of Debt of the Grand Lodge Jan$^{y.}$ 2, 1833, at 6% interest, ...	$3964.16
do. " do. " " do. February 18, 1833, at 5%, ...	"6000.00
Certificate of 5 pr. Cent Loan of the State of Pennsylvania N$^{o.}$ 861 for 776\frac{22}{100}$ Cost 80, .	" 623.00
Balance in Bank, ...	" 0.02
Present amt. of Fund exclusive of am$^{t.}$ due by Gr. Lodge and Dividends, ...	$29.323.87
Estimating the Bank Stock and State Loan at the present market value and the fund would amount to (including interest due on Masonic Loan and Debt and Bank Dividends), ...	$26.637.20

Philadelphia, Nov$^{r.}$ 26th, 184–

Signd. A. E. Dougherty, W. H. Adams, Joseph S. Riley, } Committee.

The following report was received and read.

To the RW. Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned Committee on By Laws Respectfully report; that they have made the alterations in the By Laws of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 186, as instructed by the RW. Grand Lodge September 6th, 1841, Viz: By reinstating article 9th as originally engrossed; and amending Article 11 by striking out Two thirds and inserting a Majority. They therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolv'd that the By Laws of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 186 be approved.

(Sign'd) Sam$^{l.}$ Davis, Alva Mason, Michael Nisbet, } Committee.

Philad$^{a.,}$ Dece$^{r.}$ 2$^{d.}$ 1841.

Which report and Resolution were adopted.

The same Committee Made the following Report.

To the RW. Grand Master and Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned Committee on By Laws Respectfully report,

That they have carefully examined the By Laws submitted by Lodge No. 19 & find nothing in them to correct. They

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therefore offer the following. Resolved, that the By Laws submitted by Lodge N°. 19 be approved.

(Signd) Sam^l. Davis,
Alva Mason,
Michael Nisbet, } Committee.

Philad^a., Dece^r. 3^d, 1841.

Which report and Resolution were adopted.

The Committee appointed on the 7th of June last upon the Complaint of Br. Z. A. Davis against Lodge N°. 211 made the following report which was adopted.

To the RW. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Committee to whom was referred the complaint of Bro. Z. A. Davis against the Kensington Lodge, N°. 211, having attended to the duty of their appointment and heard the parties, Respectfully report,

That Bro. Z. A. Davis applied to be admitted a visitor in Kensington Lodge, No. 211, at their stated meeting on the 4th of June last. That objection was made to his admission by one of the members of the Lodge, and the vote of the Lodge was taken thereupon and it was decided by the Lodge that he should not be admitted, and your Committee further report that in this matter the Lodge acted in accordance with its bye Laws.

The Committee therefore request to be discharged from their appointment.

all, &c.

Philad^a., Septr. 6, 1841. (Signd) B. Newcomb.
Joseph S. Riley.
An^t. D. Bournonville.

General Returns were received and read and ordered to be filed., Viz: from,

Lodge N°. 135 to December 27th, 1839. Containing the Suspension for Non payment of dues of J— W—, J— A. S—, A— H—, J— D—, R— B. R— & S— T—; and from the same

Lodge to December 27th, 1840, containing neither rejections nor expulsions,

and from the same Lodge for 1841, contain'g the suspension for Non payment of dues of C— V. H—, J— F—, J— M^cD—, J— S—, J— B—, J— B—, R— O—, J— W. C—, W— A—, J— H—, J— L—, A— M—.

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Lodge N°. 153—for 1839 & also for 1840.
Lodge N°. 216—" 1840.

The Grand Secretary reported that the W. M. of Lodge N°. 135 had paid him $75 (which he had paid to the Grand Treasurer) and that Lodge No. 135 prayed the RW. Grand Lodge to remit the balance of their dues.

On Motion of Bro. J. S. Riley the subject was referred to the Grand officers with power to act.

The following communication was received & red.

Lancaster, November 11th, 1841.

RW. G. Sec^y.

Dear Sir & Brother,

At a Stated Meeting of Lodge N°. 43, held at their Hall last evening, Christopher Stern (a member returned to the Grand Lodge as absentee whose name by resolution was stricken from the Lodge Book) was reinstated to full membership, having previously complied with all the By Laws.

Very Respectfully and Fraternally
Your Ob^t. Servant,

Michael Nisbet, Esq^r. (Sign'd) John H. Brown,
Sec^y. of Lodge N°. 43.

On motion Bro. C. Stern was reinstated.

The following was received from Lodge N°. 130 and read and on motion Bro. Jno. Middleton was reinstated.

Phoenix Lodge, No. 130, Philad^a., Sep^r. 15, 1841, 5841.

At a Stated meeting of the Lodge held this evening Bro. John Middleton (formerly a member of the Lodge and now under suspension) was duly reinstated a member & then withdrew in good Standing. (Signd) B. S. Riley,
To Michael Nisbet, Esqr. Gr^d. Sec^y. Secretary.

Communications were received from the following Grand Lodges, and on motion referred to the Committee of Correspondence, Viz:

New Hampshire	to the	8th	of	June,	1841.
Rhode Island	" "	24th	"	"	"
do. do.	" "	12"	"	October,	"
Connecticut	" "	12"	"	May,	"
New Jersey	" "	9"	"	November,	"
Maryland	" "	"	"	May,	"
Kentuckey	" "	13"	"	August,	"

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The Trustees of the Charity fund made the following Report. To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Trustees of the Charity fund most respectfully report.

That we have received information from Bro. Weaver, who is the agent in charge of the Property belonging to the Grand Lodge, situate in Chester from which it appears that the property is in a very dilapitated state and require at least 100 dollars to make the same tenantable after which we might rent the same from 24$ to 30$ per annum, also that he has received an offer for the same of 325 dollars. We therefore recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Charity fund be authorised to sell the property situated in Chester for the best price they can obtain, not less than 325 dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signd) Chas. Stout. John Jones.
Jacob Alter. Matthew Cartwright.

Philadª. Decr. 17th, 1841.

Which report was accepted & the Resolution adopted.

The RW. Grand Lodge then went into Consideration of the Resolutions offered by Br. J. S. Riley on the 6th in regard to the Charge for Rent and Lighting, and the reduction of the Grand Secretary Salary, When on Motion of Bro. English, the resolution for raising the Rent & Lighting was amended by Striking out 50$ & inserting 45$.

The resolution thus amended fixing the Rent from St. Johns day next at $45 for the Grand Lodge room and 30$ for the Chapter room both comprehending Rent, Light & Fuel was then Adopted.

The Resolution, to reduce the Grand Secretarys Salary was then voted upon & negatived.

The resolution, offered on the 6th in reference to a Superintendant of the Hall, then came in order & on motion was postponed.

The following was then offered by the Chairman of the Committee of Finance.

Whereas, it appears on reference to the Books of the Grand Lodge that the Trustees of the Sinking fund have from time

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to time invested $6100 in Certificates of Masonic Loan, therefore be it resolved that the said Trustees be requested to cancel said Certificates and deposit the same with the Grand Officers, and Résolved that upon the return of the said certificates the Grand Treasurer if in funds be and he is hereby authorised to pay to the said Trustees of the Sinking Fund the said Sum of $1755 $\frac{89}{100}$ and the said Trustees are hereby requested to invest said sum togeather with the balance now in their hands in the Loan upon which a judgment has been obtained by D. W. Cox and others against the Grand Lodge.

Which preamble and Resolution were on motion, adopted.

The Chairman of the Committee of Finance then offered the following Resolutions.

Resolved, that should the Mortgage agreed to be given by the Franklin Institute on their Hall in 7th Street, be received, the Grand Officers are hereby authorised to sell said Mortgage and the Trustees of the real estate are hereby authorised to sign the necessary transfer of said Mortgage to the purchaser thereof.

Resolved, that the sum of $2000 is hereby appropriated for the payment of interest on Loans, &c., due January 1st, 1842.

Resolved, that the sum of $2000 is hereby appropriated to pay the note given by Bro^{s}. Thomson, Chandler & Stevenson to the Moyamensing Bank.

On motion the foregoing Resolutions were adopted.

The Chairman of the Committee of Finance then submitted the following.

Resolved, that in the event of the Grand Lodge not receiving the Mortgage agreed to be given by the Franklin Institute previous to the first of January, 1842, that the Officers be authorised to borrow such a sum as may be necessary to pay the interest due on the Loans on the 1st of January next.

The R. W. Grand Lodge then closed in harmony at 10 Min^{s}. past 9 O'Clock, P. M.

Michael Nisbet,
Grand Secretary.

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St. Johns Day, PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 27th, A. D. 1841, A. L. 5841.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication.

Present:

Brother	Joseph R. Chandler,	R. W.	Grand	Master.
"	Corn$^{s.}$ Stevenson,	" "	Dep$^{y.}$ "	"
"	John W. M^{c}Grath,	" "	S. G.	Warden, P. T.
"	Charles Stout,	" "	Ju$^{r.}$ G.	Warden, P. T.
"	John Thomson,	" "	Grand	Treasurer.
"	Michael Nisbet,	" "	"	Secretary.
"	Peter Van Pelt,	" "	"	Chaplain.
"	John D. Moore,	" "	S$^{r.}$"	Deacon.
"	W$^{m.}$ Whitney,	" "	Ju$^{r.}$"	"
"	Tho$^{s.}$ B. Florence,	" "	Grand	Marshall, P. T.
"	J. Steiner,	" "	"	Sword B.
"	John Collins,	" "	"	Pursu$^{t.}$
"	M. Nisbet, Past Grand Master.			

Lodges Represented	Names of Brethren.
N° 2,	Collins.
" 3,	Page, M^{c}Culloch, Florence, Orr, English, Carlin, M^{c}Karaher, Colladay, Thomson, Desilver.
" 9,	Stone, Andrews.
" 19,	Bradley, Smith.
" 51,	Thomson, Whitney, Bouvier.
" 52,	Goodman.
" 59,	Adams.
" 62,	Chandler—Proxey.
" 67,	Smith, Stout, Martin, C. Baker.
" 71,	W. Schnider, Myers, Hernor.
" 72,	Stevenson.
" 91,	Stork.
" 114,	Kreider, Barrett.
" 115,	Black, Dougherty, Diamond.
" 125,	Buehler, Bornonville, Steiner, Hahnlen, Veit, Dobely, Mehtens.
" 130,	Chandler, M^{c}Grath, Westcott, Easby, Lescure.
" 138,	Adams, Proxey.
" 155,	Gaul, Bowen.
" 186,	White.
" 211,	Cartwright, Hisher.

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Twenty Lodges being represented, the RW. Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at half past 10 O'Clock in the morning.

So much of the minutes of December 6th as relates to the Election of Grand Officers was then read.

General Returns were received from the following Lodges Read & ordered to be filed.

N°. 3, Containing the Suspension for non payment of dues of M— F—, W— R—, C— W. R—, J— S— and R— H. W—.

" 9, Containing the Suspension for Non payment of Dues of J— M^{c}C—, W— C—, S— D—, J— W—, S— S— and J— K—.

" 51, Containing the Suspension for Non payment of dues of G— S. S—, H. R. C—, W. A. M—, G— G. W—, M— A— & C. R—.

" 59, Containing neither rejections, Suspensions or Expulsions.

" 71, Containing the Expulsion of T— T. W—, C— T— & W— Q—.

" 72, Containing the Expulsion for Non payment of dues of H— B—, & W. R. D—.

" 152, Containing the Suspension for Non payment of Dues of L— R. N— and J— D—.

" 155, Containing neither Rejections, Suspensions nor Expul^{a}.

" 158, " " " " " "

" 186, " " " " " "

The following petition was received and read.

To the RW. Grand Lodge of Penns^{a}. of Free and accepted Ancient York Masons, RW. Grand Master, RW. D. Grand Master, RW. Grand Wardens, Officers and Members of the RW. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Gentelmen & Brethren,

The undersigned Members of Roxb. Lodge N°. 135, most respectfully refer to a Communication forwarded to the RW. Grand Secretary Michael Nisbet, Esqr., in which the R^{h}. Lodge resolved to remit to the RW. Grand Lodge of Penns^{a}. all the funds in their possession, and likewise to petition your RW. Body praying to acquit us (Rox^{b}. Lodge) of the remaining Amount of dues.

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The cause of our poverty, or rather insolvency has originated in the former Officers not strictly adhering to our By Laws, and 2d in defunct Treasurers, especially our late Chas. V. Hagner, who is indebted to this Lodge to the amount of $209.87.— If there were any possibility of receiving the Amount due us from Charles V. Hagner or any probability of defunct Members paying their arrearages, we would gladly try to borrow Money to pay the whole Amot., we owe, but there is not, and it is this that we have come to the Conclusion of withdrawing every cent out of our funds, and Respectfully petition your RW. Body, praying to acquit us of the remaining Amount of Dues.

Manayunk, December 12th, A. D. 1841.

(Signd) Thomas Moseley,

Thos. Mullen.	William Bishop.
James White.	Elhanan Omensetter.
Robert White.	Olverson L. Ranstead.
Wm. H. Singer.	William Luckey.
Benjamin F. Peterman.	J. D. E. Koch.

On motion the prayer of the petitioners was granted & the Committee of Grand Officers appointed on the same subject December 20th were discharged.

The following Grand officers Elect being present were severally installed into their respective Offices. And being duly proclaimed, received the accustomed Salutations of the Craft, Viz:

Brother Joseph R. Chandler, R. W. Grand Master.
" Corns. Stevenson, " " Depy. " "

The R. W. Grand Lodge then decided that none but P. M. should be present at the Installation of R. W. G. Wardens.

Brother John W. McGrath was then installed R. W. Jr. G. W.
" John Thomson " installed R. W. Gd. Trer.
" Michael Nisbet " " " " " " Secy.

Brother William Barger, R. W. Sr. Gd. Warden elect, not being present, in consequence of indisposition was not installed.

The Annual Grand Communication closed in harmony 10 Mins. before 12 O'Clock, M.

Michael Nisbet,
Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 17th, 1842, A. L. 5842.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication.

Present:

Brother Joseph R. Chandler, R. W. Grand Master.
" Corn$^{s.}$ Stevenson, " " Depu$^{y.}$ G. Master.
" John W. M^{c}Grath, " " Jur. G$^{d.}$ Warden, acting as Ser. G. W.
" Charles Stout, " " Jr. G$^{d.}$ Warden, P. T.
" John Thomson, " " Grand Treasurer.
" Michael Nisbet, " " " Secretary.
" J. J. Kerr & H. W. Ducachett, " " " Chaplains.
" John D. Moore, " " Sr. G$^{d.}$ Deacon.
" W. H. Adams. " " Jur. G. " P. T.
" Peter Fritz, " " G$^{d.}$ Marshall.
" John Bradley, " " " Sw$^{d.}$ bea$^{r.,}$ P. T.
" R. P. Stewart, " " " Pursu$^{t.,}$ P. T.

Past Grand Masters, Nisbet & Perkins.

Lodges Represented.	Names of Brethren.
N° 3,	Florence, M^{c}Karaher, King, Orr, Carlin, Thomson, Pearson.
" 19,	Bradley, Haswell, Patton, Smith.
" 51,	Thomson, Markland, Unckhardt, Bouvier, Rea.
" 59,	Adams, Campbell, Kneass, Hadaway, Gandy.
" 67,	Simpson, Stout, Wagner, Smith, Baker, Martein.
" 71,	Myers, Hyneman, Schnider, Phillips.
" 72,	Barger, Williams, Stevenson, Thompson, West.
" 91,	Manning, Perkins.
" 114,	Van Osten, Barrett.
" 125,	Veit, Bournonville, Mehrtens, Schmidt.
" 130,	Chandler, M^{c}Grath, Moody, Easby, Lescure, Paschall.
" 155,	Flick, Bowen, English, Fritz.
" 158,	Moore, Ewing, Mason, Oliver.
" 186,	Barrington, White, Stewart, Lyndall.
" 187,	Wallace, Knight.
" 211,	Page, Cartwright.
" 62,	Proxey, J. R. Chandler.
" 138,	do W. H. Adams.

18 Lodges being represented the RW. Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at half past 6 OClock, P. M.

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Brother C. Stevenson having entered the G. L. Room, Bro. W^m^ Barger (who had been acting as RW. D. G. Master) assumed his station and was duly installed Senior Grand Warden and was duly proclaimed as such and received the accustomed Salutations of the Craft.

The following visitors were admitted James Ogleby N° 3, John Thornley N° 19, Joseph Himmelwright N° 71, Cha^s^ Johnson N° 91, William B. Storm late of N° 108, Gottleib Herrigel N° 125, Tho^s^ S. Barnstead N° 158, W. Feinour No. 187.

General Returns were received from the following Lodges, Read and ordered to be filed.

N°. 91, Containing the Expulsion for Non payment of dues of J— L. B—, W. J. B—, A— T—, A— A. E—, G— W. S—, W— H. E—, T— P—, W— E— and J— M^c^E—.

" 187, Containing the Suspension for non payment of dues of J— A. E—, E— D— and S— H—.

" 211, Containing the Expulsion for unmasonic Conduct of J— T— and the Suspension for non payment of dues of J— W—.

The following was received and read and ordered to be filed.

RW. G. S. of the G. L. of A. Y. Masons of Pa.

Dear Sir,

At a Stated Meeting of Meridian Sun Lodge, held 4 January, 1842, A. L. 5842, J— P—, J. B. G—, D— N. S— and J— G. H— were suspended for Non payment of dues.

Yours respectfully,
Nathan M^c^Kinley,
Sec^y^.

The following was receieved and read and on motion the prayer of the petitioners granted.

To the Officers & Brethren of Lodge N°. 211.

The Petition of Michael Leonard, respectfully sheweth, that he is desirous to have his case brought before your Worshipful Lodge and to allow him the privilege to petition again for Initiation.

Yours, &c.,
(Sign'd) Michael Leonard.
James M^c^Kinney.

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Resolved, that this Lodge do earnestly recommend to the R. Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to place the said M. Leonard in the same situation as before his application to Lodge No. 211 for Initiation and Membership.

Extract from the Minutes of January 7th, 1842.

Attest: Wm. A. Lee, Secy.,
Lodge No. 211.

The three following Communications were received from the Hall Committee, read & on motion referred to the Commee. of Finance.

To the RW. Grand Lodge of the State of Penna. The Hall Committee Report,

That they have met once a week, since their last Communication in accordance with the duties assigned them, and regret to state they have not been able to rent all the appartments of the Hall, the north Cellar being the only one which has been rented for a Wine Cellar to Mr. Geo. Gossman for One Hundred dollars a year, a few meetings have been held in the back room down Stairs for which a small compensation has been received. The front office continues rented and occupied by the same tenant and the rent punctually paid.

Owing to the Soiled appearance of the Walls of the Grand Lodge room, the Committee thought it necessary to have them cleaned so as to appear more lively and cheerful, and in order to economize they had it done in the cheapest manner possible for the present. The Chapter and refreshment rooms have been attended to also. The Gutters on the roof & spouts of the Hall have been examined and repaired by Bro. Cartwright.

The Committee have Collected for Rent $180, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer $205.00 and passed bills for Sundries for the use of the Hall amounting to $949.34/100, Viz: Gass $410.65/100, Fuel $118.$\frac{40}{100}$, Taxes $194.40/100, (which is about $40 less than last year) and Sundries $226.19/100 as pr. account and vouchers handed to the Grand Secretary.

All which is most respectfully Submitted.

(Sign'd) Chas. McKaraher,
John C. Smith, } Committee.

Philada., Decer. 27th, 1841.

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Cha$^{s.}$ M^{c}Karaher, Ch$^{n.}$ Hall Committee.

In account with Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

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Decer. 28th, To Balance, ... $48.01

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March 22$^{d.}$ To Cash from C. Gibbons, Esq., Rent, ... 37.50

April 13th, " Do. " M. Scofield, . . 3.

May 19" " Do. " Bro. Lewis Allen, . 1.50

June 2d, " Do. " C. Gibbons, Esqr., 37.50

Septr. 6th, " Do. " Bro. Lewis Allen, . 3.

" 7" " Do. " C. Gibbons, Esq., . 37.50

Nov$^{r.}$ 20" " Do. " do. . 37.50

Decer. 7" " Do. Mr. Geo. Grossman, 25.

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April	3d,	By Cash to Bro. R. W. Gr. Treasurer, .	$37.50
June	5th,	" do. to " J. Thomson, Dep. G. Tr.,	"37.50
Septr.	17"	" do. do. do.,	50.
Decer.	20"	" do. do. do.,	80.
"	27"	" Balance, ...	25.51
		$230.51	$230.51

Dr. 28th, To Balance, ... $25.51

Philad$^{a.,}$ Dec$^{r.}$ 27^{th,} 1841.

(Signd) C. M^{c}Karaher, Jno. C. Smith, Committee.

An Account of Bills Passed by the Hall Committee up to Dec$^{r.}$ 27th, 1841.

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Janu$^{y.}$	2.	Bro. Jacob Steffee for Stoves, cleaning, do. &c., ...	$ 25.81
	7.	Philad$^{a.}$ Gas C$^{o.}$ 1 qr. Gas due 1s$^{t.}$ Ins$^{t.}$ $140.70, 5 off, ...	"133.67
	"	Bro. W$^{m.}$ Barger for Painting, &c., .	" 5.85
	11.	" Meers Busch " Brushes, &c., .	" 6.50
	1.	Mesr$^{s.}$ Wright, Hunter & Truyth for repairing Gas fixtures, ...	" 81.65
March	1.	Philad$^{a.}$ Gas C$^{o.}$ for 2 Months $73.$$\frac{50}{100}$, 5 off, ...	" 69.83
April	14.	S. Maupay for 2 Trees in front of Hall,	" 6.00

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July	19.	Philad$^{a.}$ Gas C$^{o.}$ for 4 Mo$^{s.}$ due 1s$^{t.}$ $134.40, 5 off, ...	$127.68
	28.	James Newman for Whitewashing & Colouring Lodge Room, &c., . .	" 42.00
Sept$^{r.}$	1.	Bro. Jno. C. Smith for 15 Ton Coal & putting in, ...	" 99.37
	7.	Edmund J. Yard, Taxes on Hall for 1841, ...	"194.40
	29.	Bro. John Lane for Carpenter Work & Lumber, ...	" 19.23
	"	Cha$^{s.}$ Schnider for Charcoal, &c., . .	"19.03
Octor.	8.	Philad$^{a.}$ Gas C$^{o.}$ for one qr. due 1st In$^{t.}$ $83.65—5 off, ...	" 79.47
Dec$^{r.}$	8.	Tho$^{s.}$ H. Vanmeter for paper Hanging,	" 9.45
	15.	Bro. Cartwright for repairing Roof of Hall, pipe, &c., ...	" 12.90
	3.	" Jacob Steffee for Cleaning Stoves, &c.,	" 7.00
	4.	" R. J. Hamilton, Cleaning Clock, .	" 3.00
	22.	James & Thomas Haig for 2 doz. Spittoons, ...	" 6.50
			$949.34

Philad$^{a.,}$ Decer. 27th, 1841, A. L. 5841.

(Sign'd) Cha$^{s.}$ M^{c}Karaher,
John C. Smith,
Committee.

The RWorshipful Grand Master was then pleased to make the following appointments for the ensuing year,

Viz:

Brother Joseph Kingsbery of Sheshequn, Bradford County, for the Counties of Bradford & Tioga.

" Robert Moderwell of the City of Lancaster, for the County of Lancaster.

" William B. Potts of Orwigsburg, Sch$^{l.}$ C$^{y.,}$ for the County of Schuylkill.

" Joseph L. Stichter of Reading, for the County of Berks.

" Christian P. Gummert of Brownsville, for the Counties of Fayette & Green.

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Brother James M. Porter of Easton, Northampton Co^{y}. for the Counties of Lehigh, Northampton, Pike and Susquehanna.

" John Birmingham of Pittsburg, for the County of Allegheny.

Grand Chaplains.

Revd. Brothers, John Chambers.
James Wiltbank.
Peter Van Pelt.
John B. Clemson.
Orson Douglass.
Cha^{s}. H. Alden.
J. J. Kerr.
J. L. Burrows.
Henry W. Ducachet.

Grand Deacons.

Brother John D. Moore, Senior.
" William Whitney, Junior.

Grand Stewards.

Brother Lambert Keatting.
" Tobias Buehler.
" Peter Fritz, Grand Marshall.
" Jacob Steiner, " Sword Bearer.
" John Collins, " Pursuivant.
" Charles Schnider, " Tyler.

Trustees of the Charity Fund.

Viz:

Brother John H. Markland in place of Brother Charles Stout, about to leave the City.
Brother John Jones.
" Matthew Cartwright.
" John W. Kelly.
" R. Mackie.

Committee of Finance,

Viz:

Joseph S. Riley.
Samuel Webb of No. 67.
William English.
George Smith.
B. C. Cooper.

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Committee of Correspondence.
Viz:
Andrew M. Prevost.
J. A. Phillips.
J. S. Zorne.

Committee on By Laws.
Viz:
Alva Mason.
James Hutchison.
Michael Nisbet.

Committee to Select for Publication.
Viz:
E. W. Keyser.
Saml. Davis.
John Goodman.

Hall Committee.
Viz:
Charles McKaraher.
John C. Smith.
William Clinton.

The Grand Secretary (with the approbation of the R. W. Grand Lodge) appointed W. H. Adams of No. 59 Deputy Grand Secretary.

On motion of the R. W. Depy. Grand Master Bro. C. Stevenson, Resolved,

That the old Trustees of the Charity fund be continued in full power; to perfect the arrangements and conveyance of the property in Chester.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at Eight Mins. past 8 O'Clock, P. M.

Michael Nisbet,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 7th, A. D. 1842, A. L. 5842.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Brother Joseph R. Chandler, R. W. Grand Master.
" Cors. Stevenson, " " Depy. " "
" William Barger, " " Sr. " "

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Brother	John W. M^{c}Grath,	R. W.	Jur.	Grand Master.
"	John Thomson,	"	"	" Treas$^{r.}$
"	Michael Nisbet,	"	"	" Secr$^{y.}$
"	William H. Adams,	"	"	Depy." "
Rev$^{d.}$"	J. L. Burrows,	"	"	" Chaplain.
"	John D. Moore,	"	"	Se$^{r.}$ " Deacon.
"	Thomas B. Florence,	"	"	Jur. " " P. T.
"	John Bradley,	"	"	Marshall, P. T.
"	Jacob Steiner,	"	"	" Sw$^{d.}$ Bea$^{r.}$
"	John Collins,	"	"	" Pursu$^{t.}$

Past Grand Masters, S. H. Perkins, B. Newcomb, M. Nisbet.

Lodges Represented	Names of Brethren.
N^{o} 2,	Jno. Collins, Ashmead, Gillou, Green, Desilver.
" 3,	Florence, Page, M^{c}Culloch, M^{c}Karaher, Thomson, Carlin, Desilver, English.
" 9,	Stone, Huslam, Dickson, Andrews, Dorsey.
" 19,	Bradley, English, Haswell.
" 51,	Thomson, Markland, Milnor.
" 52,	Goodman, Thomas, Patton.
" 59,	Adams.
" 62,	J. R. Chandler, Proxey.
" 67,	Wagner, Simpson, Jones, Smith, Baugh.
" 71,	Myers, Hornor, W. B. Schnider, Frismuth, M. Hyneman, Phillips.
" 72,	Barger, Williams, Grigg, Stevenson.
" 91,	Manning, Perkins.
" 108,	Hutton.
" 114,	Thomson, Kreider.
" 115,	A. E. Dougherty, Diamond, Thomas, Newcomb.
" 125,	Mehtens, Bournonville, Steiner.
" 130,	Chandler, Wescot, M^{c}Grath, Lescure, Riley, Flannagan.
" 138,	W. H. Adams, Proxey.
" 155,	Flick, English, Moore.
" 158,	Moore, Bowen, Ewing, Roberts, Huston.
" 187,	Frost, Knight, Williams.
" 201,	Joseph S. Riley. Proxey.
" 211,	Page, Cartwright.

Twentythree Lodges being Represented the RW. Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at 7 O'Ck. P. M.

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The following visitors were admitted:

J. T. Campbell, Thoˢ Doron, Richᵈ Leech, Jno. Naulty, P. Alexander, H. Brooks, of N° 3, Augustus A. Thomaston, N° 62, Joseph Himmelwright & David Golden of N° 71, Joseph Muller of N° 81, Edwin W. Morgan late of Lodge N° 108, Jno. E. Zigler of N° 186, Samuel Elliot of late Lodge N° 197, Jno. Dorlan of No. 211.

The following was received & read and the proceedings approved.

To the RW. Grand Lodge of Pennsᵃ.

At the Stated meeting of Lodge N°. 51, held February 24th last, the following resolutions were adopted and are now submitted to the RW. Grand Lodge for their approval, Viz: Resolved, that Bro. Charles Remmington (who was Suspended in December last for non payment of dues) be now reinstated to Membership.

Resolved, that Bro. William Milnor, Jur., (who was suspended for non payment of Dues December, 1834) be now restored to membership.

Extract from minutes of Lodge No. 51.

John Thomson,

Philadᵃ., March 7th, 1842. Secry. Lodge N°. 51.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of the 6th December, 1841, of the adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication of the 20th December, 1841, of the Annual Grand Communication of the 27th December, 1841 and of the Extra Grand Communication January 17th, 1842, were severally read and adopted.

The Committee of Finance made the following report.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennᵃ.

The Committee of Finance

Respectfully Report, the Receipts and Payments for the fourth quarter of 1841 ending Deceʳ. 31st, 1841.

Receipts, Viz:

Lodge & Chapter Dues, City & County,	$969.10
Hall Committee for Rent of Lower Rooms,	80.
G. Secʸ. for Dispensations, &c., . . .	64.50
Nett proceeds of Grand Officers note discounted at Bank (Moyamensing), .	1978.67

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Payments, Viz:

Interest on Mortgages on this Hall,		$1025.
" to James M^{c}Alpin,		" 138.
Taxes on this Hall for 1841,		" 194.40
Repairs of Hall,		" 19.23
Printing Certificates, Dispensations, &c.,		27.50
Fuel, 15 Tons of Coal & taking in do.,		99.37
Gas Bill,		83.65
Candles $13 $\frac{61}{100}$ & Papering $9 $\frac{45}{100}$,		23.07
Salaries, G. Sec^{y} $200, G. Treas. $50, G. Tyler $51,		301.
Excess of Receipts over payments,		1181.05
	$3092.27	$3092.27
Excess of Receipts over payments,	$1181.05	
Balance due G. Treasurer per last report,		60.14
" " by G. Treasurer now,		1120.91
	$1181.05	$1181.05

1841.

December 31. To Amo$^{t.}$ of bal$^{c.}$ due by G. Treasurer, $1120.91.

All of which is respectfully Submitted by your Committee. Philad$^{a.}$ February 24th, 1842.

Joseph S. Riley,
B. C. Cooper,
George Smith,
} Committee.

(Which report was accepted.)

The Trustees of the Charity fund made the following report which was Read and Adopted.

The Trustees of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge beg leave to present an account of the funds committed to their care up to the 27th December, 1841. The investments of the Trustees then was,

Viz:

17 Certificates Masonic Loan,	$1700.00
3 " " Debt,	"1428.68
11 Shares Southern Loan Comp^{y} par Value,	" 275.00
Cash in Treasurers Hands,	" 66.67
	$3470.35
Investments, as per last Report Decer. 27$^{th.}$ 1840,	"3338.69
Showing an increase since last report of,	$ 131.66

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There is due 6 months interest on Masonic Debt & Loans, July 1st. 1841, ... $ 93.86

Which would be an increase of, . . . $ 225.52

The receipts and disbursements from December 27th, 1840 to December 27th, 1841.

1840.			
Decemr.	27th.	Cash in Treasurers hands, . .	$ 35.01
1841.			
March	10 "	6 Months int. on Masonic Loan, .	" 48.00
		1 Year " " " Debt, .	" 83.79
		1 " " " Gas Stock $21.33,	" 1.28
		2½ " " " " " "10.67,	" 1.60
			$169.68
1841.			
March	10th.	Paid J. Swift for one certificate Masonic Loan $100.00, . . .	$100.00
Decr.	17 "	" A. C. Cartwright for Tin Box to deposit Papers in, . . .	" 2.50
		" Postage for the Current year,	" 51
		Balance in Treasurers hands, . .	" 66.67
			$169.68

The house & lot in Borough of Chester, was sold at public Sale by order of the Trustees December 27th, 1841, for Three Hundred and twenty five dollars, Cash on the execution of the Deed.

Chas. Stout. Matthew Cartwright.
John Jones. J. A. Markland.

The following was received, read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns.

The Hall Committee Report, That they received a Communication from Bro. Samuel H. Thomas dated 1st Ulto. presenting to them for the RW. G. Lodge a plaister casting of the Bust of the R. W. P. G. M. John B. Gibson, Esq., and an original colourd drawing of Joel R. Poinsett, Esqr., late Secry. of War and formerly an Officer of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

The Committee offer the following resolution that the Bust & Drawing presented by Bro. Samuel H. Thomas to the Grand Lodge be accepted and that the Grand Secy. be instructed to send him a letter of thanks for the donation received.

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All which is most Respectfully Submitted.

Philad$^{a.}$ March 7th, 1842. Cha$^{s.}$ M Karaher,
John C. Smith,
Committee.

On motion duly seconded, it was resolved, that the likeness of Bro. Poinsett be hung in the G. Lodge Room.

The following report was received, Read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, &c.

The Committee appointed to carry into effect the Resolutions of the Grand Lodge passed the fifteenth day of November last past in relation to the settlement between them and the Franklin Institute of the State of Pennsylvania for the promotion of the Mechanics Arts.

Respectfully report:

That they have progressed so far in discharging the duties of their appointment that they have received the Deed from the said Institute to the Trustees of the Real Estate of the Grand Lodge for the Masonic Hall and Lot of Ground in Chestnut Street for the consideration of Eighty five thousand five hundred and fifty Dollars.

That they have received from said Institute their Bond with warrent of Attorney to confess Judgement conditioned for the payment of Nine thousand Dollars on the first day of January next with interest of six per cent per annum, payable half yearly to be computed from the first day of January last past and their Mortgage of their Hall and Lot of Ground in Seventh Street to Secure the payment of the Bond.

That the Sum of Nine thousand Dollars is made up as follows, Viz:

Balance of Interest due the Grand Lodge the first day of January, 1842, ...		$9896.99
From which deduct Policy of Insurance,	$1530	
Furniture, Fuel, &c., in the Hall 1st Jan$^{y.}$.	600	2130.
		7766.99
Add Taxes for 1840 and 1841, ...		1329.70
		9096.69
leaving to be paid by the Franklin Institute to the Grand Lodge a Balance of, ...		96.69

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If the Grand Lodge do not think fit to take the Furniture, &c., at the price of six hundred Dollars they are at Liberty to take them at a valuation by persons mutually to be agreed upon by the parties or not to take them at all and then the Institute is to pay the Grand Lodge the Six hundred dollars.

The nett proceeds of the Masonic Hall since the first of January last amounting to four or five hundred dollars is to be paid to the Grand Lodge as soon as the Grand Lodge shall decide upon the matter now submitted to them for decision.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

March 7th, 1842. Signed. Joseph S. Riley,
C. Stevenson, B. Newcomb,
A. E, Dougherty, Saml. H. Perkins,
Committee.

On motion of Brother A. E. Dougherty and Seconded, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, that the Grand Officers be authorized to fix the compensation of the counsel engaged by the Grand Lodge in their case with the Franklin Institute and to draw an order upon the Grand Treasurer for the amount of said Compensation.

On motion of Bro. James Page and Seconded, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, that the committee to settle with the Franklin Institute be authorized to take the Furniture of the Hall at the appraisement stated if in their opinion it shall be to the Interest of the Grand Lodge to do so.

A Communication was received from Mr. Cotter respecting the Renting of Hall in Chestnut Street when on motion of Bro. James Page and Seconded, it was

Resolved, that the Communication be refered to the Committee appointed to settle with the Franklin Institute and that that Committee be continued with authority to act in behalf of the Grand Lodge in matters connected with the arrangements and renting of the Hall.

General returns were received from the following Lodges and ordered to be filed. From No. 2, 43, for 1839 and 1840, No. 52, No. 67.

Lodge No. 114, No. 125, No. 130, No. 81 for 1840 and 1841, containing neither Suspensions nor rejections.

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Lodge No. 19. Containing the Suspension for Non payment of dues, J— L. A—, W— G—, C— L. H—, J— S—, W— W. W—, D— W—, and the Rejection of W— N. M—.

Lodge No. 62, Reading. Containing the Suspension for non payment of dues of T— O—, J— A. B—, J— P. M—, J— R—, R— M. R—, J— R—, J— H—, W— L—, J— S. O— and the rejection of J— A. F—, John H. Vameed was reinstated Jan$^{y.}$ 6$^{th.}$ 1841. F— S—, W. J. H—, P— A— was rejected.

Lodge 138, Orwigsburg. Containing the rejection of E— H—.

Lodge 190., Norristown. Containing the Suspension for Non payment of dues of P— F—, T— N. J—, J— H. S—, W— H. G—, S— S—, J— S—.

Lodge 216, Pottsville. Containing the Suspension for Non payment of dues of E— C—, D— B. H—, J— T. R—, A— H—, D— A. G—, W— P—, J— S—, H— J—, O— D—, T— M—.

Communications from the following Grand Lodges were received and refered to Committee on Correspondence, viz:

Maryland—Virginia—Missouri—Georgia and Ohio.

On motion of Bro. Jo$^{s.}$ S. Riley and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Trustees of the Girard Bequest be and they are hereby requested to report at our next quarterly communication upon the legality or illegality of commencing the distribution of the net annual income of the said fund in January, 1843, agreeably to the Intention of the Testator.

The following communication was received and read.

Extracts from the Minutes of Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158.

Stated Meeting Feb$^{y.}$ 1$^{st.}$ 1842.

Resolved, that the By Laws of this Lodge be referred to Grand Lodge for correction.

Attest: Nathan M^{c}Kinley, Sec$^{y.}$

When on motion and seconded, they were refered to Committee on By Laws.

The following communication was received and read from Lodge No. 115, viz:

At a stated meeting of Saint Johns Lodge, No. 115, held on the 17th of January, 1842, the following resolutions (which was offered and read at the stated meeting of the Lodge held on the 20th of December) was adopted, viz: Resolved, that

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article 1st of our By Laws be so altered that the stated meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month in place of the Third Monday as heretofore and that in future our meetings be held in Chapter Room.

Extract from the minutes.

Signed Alex. Diamond,
Secretary.

When upon motion Seconded, the prayer of the Lodge was granted.

The following communication was received, read and on motion Seconded, was refered to Committee on By Laws.

At a stated meeting of Easton Lodge, No. 152, held at their Hall Decr. 30th, 1841, A. L. 5841,

Brothers Miller, & Seip & Weidncht the Committee appointed at the last meeting for the purpose of revising the By Laws of the Lodge made report that they had attended to the duty assigned them and that the only alteration they deemed proper to make this time is to reduce the Fees for admission into the Lodge in case of application for Initiation by leaving Five dollars off the present charge which report was adopted by the Lodge.

Extract from the Minutes.

Signed. John R. Finley, Secy.

On motion of Bro. A. E. Dougherty and Seconded, it was Resolved,

That the Grand Secretary be instructed to call a meeting of the Trustees of Sinking Fund as soon as practicable and that the Said trustees be instructed to report to the Grand Lodge in Compliance with the resolution of instructions adopted on the 20 December, 1841.

On Motion duly made and seconded, the Grand Secretary was directed to endeavour to procure information respecting collections made for Likeness of Benjn. Franklin and Lafayette and report at next quarterly Communication.

On motion of Bro. Jos. S. Riley and duly Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Grand Officers upon the Sale of the Franklin Institute Mortgage

First, pay the note of Two thousand dollars given by certain Grand Officers for account of this Grand Lodge.

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2nd. pay the Taxes for 1840 and 1841 due upon the Chestnut St. property.

3rd. Reserving so much as that in connection with our ordinary income will make the punctual payment of our Interest falling due in July & January sure and certain and

4thly. the balance to be applied to the payment of any part or kind of our indebtedness in the hands of non masonic holders as they may deem most condusive to the Interest of this Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 25 minutes after 10 Oclk, P. M.

Michael Nisbet,
Grand Secretary.

Transcribed By Wm. H. Adams.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 14th, A. D. 1842, A. L. 5842.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Special Grand Communication.

Present:

Brother	Joseph R. Chandler,	R. W.	Grand	Master.	
"	Cors. Stevenson,	" "	Depy.	"	"
"	William Barger,	" "	Sr.	"	Warden.
"	John W. McGrath,	" "	Jr.	"	"
"	John Scott,	" "		"	Treasr., P. T.
"	J. H. Markland,	" "		"	Secy., P. T.
"	William Whitney,	" "	Sr.	"	Deacon, P. T.
"	John Bradley,	" "	Jr.	"	" P. T.
"	A. Bournonville,	" "		"	Marshall.
"	Jacob Steiner,	" "		"	Swd. Bearer.
"	J. C. Smith,	" "		"	Pursuivant.

Past Grand Master Saml. H. Perkins.

Lodges Represented	Names of Brethren.
No. 2,	Green, Gillou.
" 3,	McCulloch.
" 19,	Haswell, Bradley, Griscom, Smith.
" 51,	Bouvier, Goodman, Markland, Whitney.

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No. 52, Cook, Dorf, Patton, Thomas.
" 59, Scott, Smith, Garrett, Kneass, Campbell.
" 67, J. C. Smith.
" 71, J. A. Phillips.
" 72, Stevenson, Clinton, M^cGrath, Barger.
" 91, S. H. Perkins.
" 125, Bournonville, Steiner.
" 130, Chandler, Riley, Lescure. M^cGrath.
" 155, Flick.
" 158, Roberts, Mason, Ewing.
" 186, Barrington.
" 187, Rittenhouse.

Sixteen Lodges being represented the R. W. Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at 8 Oclk. P. M.

The R. W. G. Master announced in a feeling and very appropriate manner the Death of our much beloved Brother the Grand Secretary and R. W. Past Grand Master Michael Nisbet, when

On Motion of P. G. Master Perkins, Seconded by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master Stevenson the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, it has pleased Divine providence to remove from among us our worthy Brother Grand Secretary the R. W. Past Grand Master Michael Nisbet,

Therefore Resolved, that this Grand Lodge will assemble in this Hall at 4½ Oc. to-morrow afternoon the 15 Inst. for the purpose of attending his Funeral without regalia.

Resolved, that the Jewels of this Grand Lodge be clothed in Mourning for the remainder of this Masonic Year as a mark of respect to the memory of our late Grand Secretary the R. W. P. Grand Master Michael Nisbet.

Resolved, that an order be drawn in favour of the Widow of our late Brother Nisbet for whatever balance would be due him on the first of July next had he lived,

Resolved, that the sympathies of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Widow and Family of our late Grand Secretary in this their season of affliction and that the R. W. G. Master be requested to present the same.

The R. W. G. Master appointed Bros. Jo^s. S. Riley—Ge^o. D. Patton—J. A. Philips—Constant Gillou and Horn R. Kneass

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as a Committee of arrangement at the Funeral of Brother Nisbet.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 5 Minutes past 9 Oclk.

Signed. William H. Adams,
Acting Grand Secretary.

William H. Adams appointed Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge June 6th, 1842. See Minutes.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 6th, 1842, A. L. 5842.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. Joseph R. Chandler,	R. W.	Grand	Persuivant.			
" C. Stevenson,	"	"	"	Sword	Bearer.	
" William Barger,	"	"	"	Marshall.		
" John W. McGrath,	"	"	"	Chaplain.		
" John Thomson,	"	"	Jr.	"	"	P. T.
" Wm. H. Adams,	"	"	Sr.	"	Deacon.	
" J. H. Markland,	"	"	Depy.	"	"	
" John D. Moore,	"	"		Secretary.		
" John Bradley,	"	"		"	Treasurer.	
" Peter Vanpelt,	"	"	J.	"	"	
" Samuel Black,	"	"	S.	"	Warden.	
" Jacob Steiner,	"	"	Depy.	"	"	
" Samuel Garrett,	R. W.	Grand	Master.			

Lodges Represented	Names of Brethren.
No. 2,	Gillou, McGrath.
" 3,	Jas Page, McCulloh, Orr, & McCaraher.
" 9,	Simpson, Andrews, Knight, Dorsey, Stone.
" 19,	Smith.
" 22,	D. McDonnel.
" 51,	Markland, Bouvier.
" 52,	Long, Patton, & Brick.
" 59,	Scott, Ganett, Smith, Dickson, Gandy, Davenport, Kneass, Adams.
" 62,	Chandler.
" 67,	Simpson, Grigg, Jones, Smith.
" 71,	Hineman, M. Hineman, Phillips, Myers.

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No. 72, Williams, Clinton, West, Stevenson, Barger.
" 91, Manning.
" 108, Adams.
" 114, W^m Thomson.
" 115, Dougherty, Black, Anderson, Humes, Diamond.
" 121, A. M. Prevost.
" 125, Veight, Steiner.
" 130, M^cGrath, Easby, Clemens, Chandler.
" 138, Adams.
" 155, Flick, Sutton.
" 158, Ewing, Moore.
" 186, George Smith.
" 187, Wallace, Smith, Knight, Williams.
" 201, Riley.
" 211, Quintin, Cartright, Illingsworth.

Twenty six Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at 7½ Oclk. P. M.

On Motion made and Seconded the following Brethren were admitted as Visitors:

Thomas Doran, No. 2, J. G. Doris, Simon Strickland, No. 3, J. L. Clement, No. 52, W^m. B. Storm, 59, N. Baker & J. Brenig, N° 71, E. W. Morgan, No. 72, Joseph Siddons, 91, Gotleib Kerrigel—F. Shultz, 115 Thomas Compton, No. 150, Lancaster.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of March 7^th, 1842, were read and Adopted, the minutes of the Special Grand Communication Saturday, May 14^th, 1842, were read and adopted.

The R. W. G. Master made some very feeling and appropriate remarks relative to the privation this Grand Lodge has sustained since last quarterly Grand Communication in the loss of Past Grand Masters Brothers Tristram B. Freeman and Michael Nisbet and the Grand Chaplain Brother James Wiltbank.

The following petition was received and read.

Harrisburg, May 11^th, 1842.

To the R. W. G. Lodge of the state of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned respectfully represents that from circumstances well known to the R. W. G. Lodge the Labours of Lodge

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No. 21 at this place were Suspended in 1837 their Warrant vacated by order of the R. W. G. Lodge, and being impressed with the necessity of reviving the Said Lodge No. 21 We beg to be empowered so to do and also to enter upon the Warrant, Jewels, &c., and to faithfully reconstitute the same promising faithfully to make due and proper returns of such reconstitution, and annual returns hereafter, and we beg to name Benj^{n}. Parke, W. M.; John M^{c}Glaughlin, S. W., and Israel Salada, J. W. and do promise due allegiance to the R. W. G. Lodge of Penn^{a}.

Signed.	W^{m}. Clarke.	Benjamin Parke.
	Israel Salade.	Henry Beader.
	Sam^{l}. Holman.	Jo^{s}. W. Cake.
	Tho^{s}. C. Read.	J. M. G. Lescure.
	John M^{c}Laughlin.	Cha^{s}. Buehler.
	Simon Cameron.	Benj^{n}. Hall.
		John Chandler.

On Motion Resolved, that the Petition be refered to the Grand Officers with power to act thereon.

A Letter was received from Bro. William M^{c}Coy of Northumberland in behalf of Lodge No. 148 asking for a copy of the Warrant of said Lodge.

When on Motion duly Seconded, resolved, that the request of Bro. M^{c}Coy be refered to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge No. 187 asking for an alteration in their By Laws—which was refered to the Committee on By Laws.

A Communication from Lodge No. 62 at Reading was received and read asking for an alteration in their By Laws, which was refered to the Committee on By Laws.

A Communication was received from Lodge No. 108 at Towanda, Bradford County, appointing W^{m}. H. Adams, a Past Master and Member of Lodge No. 59 their Proxey. Which was on Motion made and Seconded, approved and Brother William H. Adams acknowledged as the Proxey of Lodge No. 108.

The following report was received, read and approved.
To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penns^{a}.

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The Grand Officers to whom was refered the fixing of the compensation of the Counsel engaged by the Grand Lodge in their case with the Franklin Institute respectfully report that said Compensation has been fixed in the sum of Two hundred dollars and an order drawn on the Grand Treasurer for that Amount.

Phil., June 6th, 1842.

Signed. Jn°. W. McGrath. Jo^{a}. R. Chandler.
John Thomson. C. Stevenson.
Wm. Barger.
Committee.

The following report of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund was received, read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns^{a}.

Agreeably to a resolution of the Grand Lodge at its last Grand Communication directing the Trustees of the Masonic Loans to cancel the Certificates belonging to the Sinking Fund of the Grand Lodge, &c., the undersigned respectfully beg leave to report,

That the certificates in Question were found in the possession of Bro. Joseph Swift late Treasurer of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans and consisted of the following, viz:

5 certificates of 100 a 6 p. ct. Int. Masonic Loan of 1820.
13 " " " " " " " Masonic Debt 1821.
16 " " " " " " " " " Jan^{y}. 1, 1823.
15 " " " " " " " " " July 1, 1823.
12 " " " " " " " 5 p ct. " " 1825.

Making in all 61 certificates amount 6100$ Dollars which were cancelled April 1st, 1842 and the Certificates so cancelled deposited with the Grand Secretary.

The latter part of the resolution Instructing the Trustees to invest cannot at present be compiled with the Grand Treasurer not being in funds.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. Norris Stanley. Samuel H. Perkins.
John Thomson. Solomon Allen.
Jn°. W. McGrath.

Phil., June 6th, 1842.

General Returns were received from the following Lodges and ordered to be filed.

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Lodge No. 60 at Brownsville, containing the Suspension of H— L. G— and P— R. H— for Non payment of dues and the rejection of J. L. R—.

Lodge N°. 121. Containing neither Suspensions nor rejections.

The following Communication from Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, was received, read and ordered to be entered and filed.

Lancaster, May 18th. 1842.

R. W. Gd. Secretary,

Dear Sir & Brother,

At a Stated meeting of Lodge No. 43 held at their Hall in this City on Wednesday evening, May 11th last past Bro. B— K— and D— C— were suspended from Lodge No. 43 and the benefits of Masonry for non compliance of the By Laws being in arrears to the Lodge for dues.

Very respectfully and Fraternally,

Signed. J. H. Brown,

Secy. of Lodge No. 43.

Communications were received from the following Grand Lodges, Viz:

Ohio to October 19th, 1841,

North Carolina to Decr. 6th, 1841,

Which on motion were refered to the Committee of Correspondence.

On Motion duly made and Seconded, it was

Resolved, that $300 be and is hereby appropriated to the Trustees of the Sinking Fund to be invested in Masonic loan.

The following report from the Trustees of the Charity fund was received, read and proceedings approved.

The trustees of the Charity Fund respectfully report,

That they had made a deed to Henry L. Powell of the House and Lot in the borough of Chester, Late the property of Lodge No. 69 and held by your Trustees for the purpose of their trust. When about to Complete the Conveyance by the delivery of the Deed, the purchaser refused to take the property, alleging as a reason the inability of the Trustee to make a sufficient title. Whether this inability really exists or not, the Trustees are not now prepared to say, but they regret to State that its supposed existance has put an end to all hopes of a present sale. They have however received information from their agent at Chester

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that he has leased the premises in question, with the exception of the shop upon them, for the Yearly rent of 25$ payable quarterly and well secured. The lessee is to give up possession on the first of April next if required. In the meantime the Trusttees will have the difficulties in the way of making a valid title examined and should they really exist will endeavour to ascertain if there is no means by which they can be removed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. J. H. Markland.
John Jones.
Phil., June 6th, 1842. Matthew Cartwright.

The following preamble and resolution, were received, read and by a large Vote Rejected.

Whereas, from the peculiar and delicate Situation of the affairs of the Grand Lodge at this time, it is certainly of great importance to her pecuniary interests that an early day be fixed to elect a permanent Grand Secretary in order that he may immediately apply himself to bring up the books, that the Grand Lodge may correctly understand her true position. Therefore

Resolved, that when this Grand Lodge adjourns it will adjourn to meet on the third Monday of this Month for the purpose of Electing a Grand Secretary and the acting Grand Secretary give notice to all the members on their notices.

The following preamble and resolution were received, read and adopted and the following brethren appointed as a Committee, viz:

Bro. J. H. Markland, James Page and J. A. Philips.

Whereas, the Jewels & hangings of this Grand Lodge are in a very ordinary condition and it is deemed important to the interests of the Grand Lodge to have this evil corrected therefore

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to procure new aprons, collars and sashes for the Officers of the Grand Lodge and to have the Jewels cleaned.

Brother A. E. Dougherty offered the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Salary of the Grand Secretary be Six hundred dollars per annum instead of $800 as heretofore.

Which resolution was laid on the table until the next Quarterly Grand Communication.

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The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to appoint Bro. Wm. H. Adams, a member of the Committee on By Laws, and Grand Secretary for the unexpired Masonic Year in the Place of our much Lamented Brother Michael Nisbet deceased.

The Grand Secretary with the approbation of the Grand Lodge appointed Bro. J. H. Markland a P. M. of Lodge No. 51 Deputy Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past 10 Oclk., P. M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 5th, 1842, A. L. 5842.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Brother	Joseph R. Chandler,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	C. Stevenson,	"	Deputy " "
"	William Barger,	"	S. G. Warden.
"	John W. McGrath,	"	Jr. " "
"	John Thomson,	"	G. Treas.
"	William H. Adams,	"	" Secy.
"	Jno. H. Markland,	"	Depy. " "
"	John D. Moore,	"	S. G. Deacon.
"	William Whitney,	"	Jr. " "
"	O. Douglass,	"	G. Chaplain.
"	A. Bournonville,		" Marshall.
"	J. Steiner,		" Sword Bearer.
"	Wm. M. Martin,		" Pursuivant.
"	Samuel H. Perkins,	Past	" Masters.
"	James Harper,		
"	Samuel Badger,		
"	Bayse Newcomb,		

Lodges Represented	Names of Brethren.
No. 2,	C. Gillou.
" 3,	Orr, Martin, Hatfield, Thomson, Florence.
" 9,	Dorsey.
" 19,	Bradley Mackey, Griscom.
" 51,	Thomson, Whitney, Markland.

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No. 52, Cook, Long, Patton.
" 59, Garrett, Adams.
" 62, Chandler, Proxy.
" 67, Smith, Simpson, Wagner, Hamilton, Baugh, Jones.
" 71, Myers, M. Hiniman, Schnider.
" 72, Stephenson, Barger, Williams, West, Thomson.
" 91, Perkins, Manning, Bichner, Badger.
" 108, Adams, Proxy.
" 114, Housekeeper, Krider, Spackman, Coburn, Thomson.
" 115, Black, Anderson, Humes.
" 125, Mehteins, Daveley, Steiner, Bournonville.
" 130, Chandler, Riley, McGrath, Easby, Lescure.
" 138, Adams, Proxy.
" 155, Flick, Veit, Bacon.
" 158, Ewing, Mason, Moore, Julius.
" 187, Frost, Williams, Wallace, Rittenhouse, Hickey.
" 201, Riley, Proxy.
" 211, Page.
" 82, Burrell.

Twenty four Lodges being represented the R. W. G. Lodge was opened in Ample form at a ¼ after 7 o. c. P. M.

On Motion duly made and Seconded, a number of Brethren were admitted as visitors.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication of June 6th were read and adopted.

The following communication from Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, was received, read and ordered to be filed, viz:

Lancaster, June 17th, 1842.

R. W. Grand Secretary,

Dr. Sir and Bro.,

At a Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 43, held at their Hall Wednesday Evening, June 8th, 1842 last past Brother A— K—, J— M. H—, C— F—, Jr., G— M— & M— H— were Suspended from Lodge No. 43 and the benefits of Masonry for Non Compliance of the By Laws, being in arrears to the Lodge.

Very Respectfully,

To M. Nisbet, Esqr., Grand Secy. Signed. James H. Brown, Secy. Lodge No. 43.

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A New code of By Laws was received from Lodge No. 21 at Harrisburg and refered to the Committee on By Laws.

The following report was read and on Motion adopted also the resolution appended thereunto.

Philad$^{a.}$, Sept$^{r.}$ 5$^{th.}$ 1842.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Penns$^{a.}$

Brethren,

The undersigned your Committee appointed on the petition of a Number of Brethren to Re-Enter upon the Warrant, Jewels, &c., of Lodge No. 21 at Harrisburg, and to reopen the same,

Report

That the duty has been attended to and on the 9th of June, 1842, the R. W. Grand Master Issued his dispensation to proceed and reorganise the said Lodge.

And on the 26th day of August returns were received by the Grand Secretary Shewing the revival and reopening of Perseverance Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 21 at Harrisburg, on the Sixteenth of August with Seventeen Members, Officers Included.

The undersigned to whom was also referred the petition of Lodge No. 148 at Northumberland for a Copy of Warrant.

Respectfully Report:

That a Copy of the Warrant was prepared on the 13th day of June, 1842, and forwarded to Bro. William M^{c}Coy the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 148 at Northumberland.

Your Committee offer the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the proceedings be approved and the Committee discharged.

Signed.	Jn$^{o.}$ W. M^{c}Grath.	Jo$^{a.}$ R. Chandler.
	Jn$^{o.}$ Thomson.	C. Stevenson.
	Wm. H. Adams.	Wm. Barger.

Communications were received from the following Grand Lodges, viz:

New Hampshire	to June	7^{th,}	1842.
" York	" "	4^{th,}	"
Maryland	" May	16"	"
Tennessee	" July	18"	"
Connecticut	" May	11"	"

Which on Motion were refered to the Committee on correspondence.

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Returns were received from the following Lodges read and ordered to be filed.

from Lodge No. 82 at Milford, Pike County.
" " " 153 " Waynesburg, Green do.
No Suspensions or rejections

The following report from the Committee on By Laws was received, read & accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Penns^{a}.

The Committee on By Laws have examined and approve of the Alterations and Amendments in the By Laws of Lodge No. 62 at Reading.

Also of Lodge No. 152 at Easton.

The Alterations asked for in By Laws of Lodge No. 187 are not in accordance with the Ancient Customs of the Order therefore cannot be approved.

Have examined the By Laws of No. 158 and approve of the same after Striking out of Article 18th the words two thirds & inserting a majority.

Have also examined the New By Laws of Lodge No. 21 and approve of the Same, after inserting in Article 9th the words on motion regularly made, Seconded and adopted—after the words or vouched for by a Brother.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. Alva Mason,
W^{m}. H. Adams,
Committee.

Phil., Sep^{r}. 5th, 1842.

A Petition was received and read from a number of Brethren Praying the revival of Evergreen Lodge, No. 163, at Monroton, Bradford Cy. Accompanying said petition was a resolution of Lodge No. 108, held at Towanda, (about Four miles from the Contemplated Location) consenting to the revival of the said Lodge at the above place.

Also the following Letter from Bro. Joseph Kingsberry, District D. Grand Master.

Sheshequin Aug^{t}. 25, 1842.

W^{m}. H. Adams, Esq^{r}.,
Gr^{d}. Sec^{y}. R. W. G. L. of Pa.

Dear Sir & Bro.,

In my Letter to you of the 17th ult^{o}. in answer to yours of the 11th I made some objections to reconstituting Lodge

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N°. 163. Since the date of that Letter I find from enquirey that at Monroton there are nine Masons that formerly belonged to Lodge No. 163 and nine others mostly made in No. 108. This places the Matter in a different light from what I at first considered it, but still there are difficulties yet to overcome, in the first place Monroton is but Four Miles from the Borough of Towanda, where Lodge 108 is for the present established. If I recollect aright, no two Lodges can be established out of the City of Phil. within Five Miles of each other at least not without the consent of the Lodge first established. If I am correct in this supposition masons at Monroton will have to obtain the consent of Lodge No. 108 before they can be reconstituted into a Lodge, Therefore the matter with me now rests upon this condition. If the Members or a majority of those that will more properly remain attached to Lodge No. 108 consent to have a Lodge established at Monroton I should consider it my duty to acquiesce in the measure whatever doubts I may have about the present time to effect the object.

Since we have commenced operations in Masonry in this borough of Towanda we have progressed and prospered far beyond our expectations, and the probability is that within one or two years the Warrant No. 108 will have to be returned to its original location, or about half way between Wysox and Orwell at a place called Fullersville. Should this take place (and there can be no doubt of it) The Borough of Towanda will be deprived of a Lodge, the very place of all others in the Country where there should be one—moreover they might forever be deprived of having a Lodge at that place, because the Lodge at Monroton will be only four miles from the borough and to set up a New Lodge there, will depend, in the first place upon the Lodge at Monroton if such one should now be granted. Therefore I respectfully suggest to the R. W. G. Lodge that should they consent to reconstitute Evergreen Lodge that they annex to the Grant conditions similar to the following, viz: But should it be necessary hereafter on a requisition from the Masonic Brethren in the Borough of Towanda that Evergreen Lodge shall be convened alternately in said Borough and at Monroton it shall be so done, or the present Grant Void and of none effect.

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The R. W. Grand Lodge will pardon me if I take the Liberty to add a few words more respecting the conduct of the Expelled Masons formerly belonging to Lodge No. 70. Should the R. W. G. Lodge think proper to bring the recusant Masons to a just bearing and will pass a resolution requiring me to demand the Warrant, Jewels & record of the late Lodge N°. 70 and cause a copy of the same to be furnished me by the G. Secretary I will attend to the duty punctually.

I could not with freedom reconstitute a Lodge at Athens under No. 70 without some apology for the insults the late masons in that place, have given to the R. W. G. Lodge, to say nothing about the disrespectful manner in which they have treated me.

Very Respectfully, &c.,

Signed. Joseph Kingsberry.

On Motion of Bro. S. H. Perkins & Seconded, the Application for the revival of Lodge N°. 163 was refered to the Grand Officers.

That portion of Bro. Kingsberrys Letter relating to Lodge No. 70 was again read.

When on Motion of Bro. John Thomson and duly Seconded, it was

Resolved,

That D. D. G. M. Bro. Jo^{s}. Kingsberry be requested to take such Steps or Measures as he may deem proper to recover the warrant & other property of late Lodge No. 70 now illegally withheld.

The following Communication was received and read from Lodge N°. 201 at Mauch Chunck.

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penn^{a}.

Mauch Chunck Lodge, No. 201, beg leave to represent.

That in consequence of circumstances which your worshipful body will fully understand the said Lodge Virtually Suspended its operations for some years during one of these years (viz) from 1834 to 1835 by the assent of the Grand Lodge.

That recently the spirit of the Institution seems to be reviving and they are now in hopes that the Lodge under the reorganization may be able to prosper, if your worshipful body will so far indulge them as to remit the Amount of Grand Lodge dues to S^{t}. Johns day last.

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They therefore respectfully ask such remission.

Signed. Jacob Horn. Jn°. Leisenring.
A. B. Morrison. Justus Goulte.

Mauch Chunck,
June 25th. 1842.

On motion of Bro. Joseph S. Riley and Seconded,
Resolved,

That the request of Lodge No. 201, at Mauch Chunck, be granted and that her dues be remitted up to St. Johns day last.

The following communication was received, read and refered to the Committee of Finance.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

Brethren,

The undersigned a Committee appointed by Concordia Lodge, No. 67, for the purpose herein Stated respectfully represents that Concordia Lodge, No. 67, having several amounts invested in Bonds and Mortgages and being desirous of making an arrangement with the Grand Lodge for the payment, by transferring good and substantial securities of a sum as payment in full of all future dues and demands, and hereby request the Grand Lodge will appoint a committeee with power to contract with the undersigned for the amount to be agreed upon Lodge No. 67 to be assured that the Grand Lodge will hereafter furnish as good accomodation as at present and as they may hereafter furnish to the Most favoured Lodges, as also to have all the rights and privileges we as a Lodge now enjoy both Individually & Collectively and as may hereafter be allowed to the most favoured of the fraternity.

Signed.

Jn°. C. Smith,	Members.	Jo^{s}. Johnson,	Trustees.
James Simpson,		Samuel Webb,	
J. W. Martin,		Ja^{s}. Hutchinson,	

Phil., August 30th. 1842.

Bro. Joseph S. Riley, Chairman of the Committee of Finance stated verbally that altho he had notified the Committee they had not met him, and that he had examined the accounts for the first and Second quarters and found them correct but as they were not signed by a Majority of the Committee it

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was for the Grand Lodge to say whether they should be received.

When on motion duly seconded, they were so received, read and ordered to be filed, viz:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of finance respectfully submits their report on the accounts of the Grand Lodge for the Quarter ending March 31st, 1842, First Quarter this Year.

Receipts this quarter.

From City and County Lodges, . .	$503.78	
" Country Lodges, ...	28.00	
" Hall Committee, ...	37.50	
" G. Secretary for Dispensations, .	31.50	
" " " " Do. Country,	15.00	
" Chestnut Street Hall, . . .	507.00	

Disbursements this quarter.

For Gas Bill, ...		117.70
" Interest to loan holders, ...		942.00
" Painting, ...		14.35
" Cleaning Clock, ...		3.00
" Printing, ...		21.32
" Cleaning Stoves, ...		7.00
" Water Rent, ...		10.00
" Repairs on this Hall, ...		12.90
" Spittoons, ...		6.50
" Funeral Expenses P. G. M. Freeman, . .		4.75
" Salaries, 200$, 43.50, ...		243.50
" Bills Payable G. O. Note disctd., . . .		2000.00
Total receipts, ...	$1122.78	
" Disbursements, ...		$3383.02
Disbursements exceeding Receipts this quarter, ...	2260.24	

Quarterly Balance.

To Bal. due G. L. last qr., ...	1120.91	
" Receipts during this Qr., . . .	1122.78	
" Bal. Due Grd. Treasr., ...	1139.33	
By Disbursements this Qur., ...		$3383.02
Dollars,	3383.02	

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All of which is respectfully submitted by your Committee.
Phil., June 2d. 1842.
Signed. Jos. S. Riley,
Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee also report that they have carefully examined the accounts of the Hall committee for the last year and are pleased to say they found them correct. Leaving a balance in the hands of the Chairman of Twenty five dollars and 50/100.

All of which is respectfully submitted by your Committee.
June 2d. 1842. Signed. Jos. S. Riley.

Report of the Committee of Finance.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns.

The Committee of Finance Respectfully submit their report on the accounts of the Grand Lodge for the Second quarter of the Current Year ending June 30th.

Receipts this Quarter.

from	City & County Lodges, . . .	738.02	
"	Country Do., . . .	52.19	
"	Dispensations City & County, .	111.00	
"	Do. Country,	18.50	
"	Hall Committee, ...	37.50	
"	Chestnut Street Hall, . . .	977.24	$1934.45

Disbursements this quarter.

for	Int. on J. C. Fishers Mortgage, .	$200.	
"	" to Loan holders, ...	" 55.50	
"	" " Gass do., ...	" 25.52	
"	Salarys to G. S. $303; G. T. $100; Grand Tyler, $43.50, . . .	"446.50	
"	Amt. paid Comms. Sinking Fund,	"260.10	
"	Counsels Fees, ...	"200.00	
"	Two Gass Bills, ...	"240.07	
"	Incidental Expenses C. St. Hall,	" 45.87	
"	Water Rent, " " "	" 15.	
"	Counting House Desk, . . .	" 10.	
"	C. Schneider for Sundries, . .	" 15.35	
"	advertising, two papers, . . .	" 1.50	
"	Excess of Receipts over Disbursements	"419.04	
		$1934.45	$1934.45

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Bal. due G. Treas$^{r.}$ last Quarter, . .	$1139.33	
Am$^{t.}$ of Disbursements this Q$^{r.}$ . .	"1515.41	
Receipts this Quarter, ...		1934.45
Bal. due G. Treas. this q$^{r.}$		720.29
Dollars,	$2654.74	$2654.74
1842, June 30th Bal. due Grand Treasurer, . .		$720.29

All of which is respectfully submitted by your Committee.
Signed. Jo$^{s.}$ S. Riley.

Phil., Sept$^{r.}$ 1^{st,} 1842.

On Motion of Bro. S. H. Perkins & duly Seconded, the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved,

That the Trustees of the real Estate of the Grand Lodge be and they are hereby directed to enter satisfaction upon the records of the Judgement entered upon the Bonds given by the Franklin Institute of the State of Penns$^{a.}$ for the promotion of the Mechanics arts to secure the payment of the purchase money of the Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street to the Grand Lodge, the said Institute having reconveyed the said Hall to the Grand Lodge, and given their Bond and Mortgage for Nine thousand Dollars the balance due the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, also that the money arising from the Sale of the bond and Mortgage aforesaid be paid to the Grand Treasurer.

The following communication from the Trustees of the real estate of the Grand Lodge was read and accepted.

To the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$ and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The Trustees of the Real Estate of the Grand Lodge respectfully report,

That the Grand Officers having sold the bond and Mortgage given to the Trustees for the Grand Lodge by the Franklin Institute of the State of Penns$^{a.}$ for the promotion of the Mechanic Arts to secure the payment of Nine Thousand dollars They the Trustees pursuant to the request of the said Grand Lodge have executed an assignment of the same to Samuel Brolaskey the Purchaser thereof.

Phil., Sept. 5^{th,} 1842.

Signed. J. Randall. James Harper.
Sam$^{l.}$ Badger. B. Newcomb.

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On Motion made by Bro. B. Newcomb & Seconded by Bro. Samuel H. Perkins the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved,

That it be and it is hereby made the duty of the Grand Treasurer without any additional compensation to be allowed him to take charge of the Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street and Superintend the renting of the same in such manner and for such purposes as he may deem most for the Interest of the Grand Lodge. Provided however that no letting shall be for a longer period than three months, without the approbation of the Grand Lodge first having been obtained therefor.

2nd. Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be and he hereby is authorised to appoint a person under him to attend at the Hall at all times both day and night to take care of the same and to collect the rents which may accrue from time to time and pay the same over to him and to perform such other duties in relation to the Hall as may be required of him by the Grand Treasurer, and that the Grand Treasurer shall allow him out of the moneys that may be received for Rents a compensation not exceeding seven and a half per cent on all monies received for Rent for the premises.

3rd. Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be and he hereby is authorised to expend such part of the Rents as he may deem necessary in keeping the Hall in a proper State of to Rent to the most advantage provided however that he shall first obtain the approbation of Grand Lodge for any alterations, repairs or additions which will cost more than fifty dollars.

4th. The Grand Treasurer shall and he is hereby required to report to the Grand Lodge at every quarterly meeting thereof a Statement of his Accounts in relation to the Hall shewing all sums received and all sums paid by him on account thereof.

On Motion duly made & Seconded, Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorised to credit Lodge No. 9 with the sum of $10.00 said sum having been paid on a/c and not accounted for.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 Oclk. P. M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Decr. 5th, A. D. 1842, A. L. 5842.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Brother	J. R. Chandler,	R. W.	G. Master.
"	C. Stevenson,	" "	Deputy " "
"	William Barger,	" "	S. G. Warden.
"	Jn°. W. McGrath,	" "	Jr. " "
"	Jn°. Thomson,	" "	G. Treasurer.
"	Wm. H. Adams,	" "	" Secretary.
"	Jn°. H. Markland,	" "	Dep. " "
"	John D. Moore,	" "	S. G. Deacon.
"	John Bradley,	" "	Jr. " Do. P. T.
"	Peter Fritz,	" "	G. Marshall.
"	Jacob Steiner,	" "	Sword Bearer.
"	John Collins,	" "	Pursuivant.
"	Samuel Badger, B. Newcomb, and Samuel H. Perkins,		Past Grand Masters.

Lodges Represented	Names of Brethren.
N°. 2,	Sanno, Collins, Guillou, Green, Keating.
" 3,	McCulloch, Martin, Desilver, Thomson, Dilman, Orr, Page, McKaraher, King, Carter, Webb, Florence, Loughead.
" 9,	Stone, Andrews, Haslam, Knight, Dorsey.
" 51,	Thomson, Markland, Rea, Unkert, Nesbit, Milner, Bouvier.
" 52,	Goodman, Patton, Long, High, Cook, Thomas, Smith.
" 59,	Scott, Garrett, Adams, Gandy, Dickson, Maull, Smith, Campbell, Kneas, Shumway, Davenport.
" 62,	Chandler, Proxy.
" 67,	Martin, Weeks, Wagner, Simpson, Field, Smith, Hutchinson, Jones, Baugh, Webb, Hamilton, R. Hutchinson.
" 71,	Frismuth, M. Hineman, Myers, Schneider, Phillipa, L. Hineman, Goodman.
" 72,	Barger, Alter, Stevenson, McGrath, Grigg, Willig, Davis, Williams, Thomson, Molan, West.
" 91,	W. Badger, Quinlan, Fennington, S. Badger, Manning, Perkins, Tatem.
" 108,	Adams.

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N°. 114, Thomson, Krider, Coburn, Boyd.
" 115, Young, Cunningham, Spackman, Humes, M^cCloud, A. Dougherty, Black, Diamond, Anderson, Newcomb.
" 121, Provost, Davis.
" 125, Marteins, Beuhler, Veite, Steiner, Zeigler, Smith, Bournonville, Wollenwebber.
" 130, Chandler, Riley, Moody, M^cGrath, Logue, Lescure, Elias, Clemens, Flanegan, Pascall, Easby.
" 138, Adams, Proxy.
" 155, English, Gow, Bouvier, Fritz, Hick, Allen, Collins.
" 158, Mason, Kelly, Moore, Ewing, Julius, Roberts, Oliver.
" 186, White, Lyndall, Kille, Barrington, Hastings, Russell.
" 187, Knight, Moffit, Rittenhouse, Williams, Frost, Hickey.
" 201, Riley, Proxy.
" 211, Page, Fisher, Holms.

Twenty five Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 6½ O. C. P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication September 5^th^ were read and adopted.

The following report was received, read and adopted.

Report of the Committee of Finance on the State of the receipts and disbursements for the third Quarter of 1842 ending September 30^th^.

Receipts.

Chestnut St. Hall as per Account, ...	$ 312.75
City & County Lodges, No. 3, $81.50; No. 59, $109; No. 71, $50, ...	" 240.50
Third St. Hall rece^d^ from the Committee, . .	" 62.50
Grand Secretary Dispensations & Certificates, .	" 23.50
Franklin Institute. rece^d^ for sale of Mortgage to Brolaskey, ...	8447.50
6 Months Interest on Motgage to Brolaskey, . .	270.

Disbursements.

Interest paid Loan holders, . . .	3103.00	
Do. on $2000 Note to Treasurer, .	70.	
Officers Salary.		
Gr^d^ Sec^y^. Treas^r^ & Tyler, . . .	290.50	
Incidental Expenses.		

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Coal, Gass & Advertising, ...	152.35	
Gas Fixtures purchased from J. C. Fisher, Chestnut Street Hall.	12.50	
Cash p$^{d.}$ Superintendent & Gass Bill, .	105.55	
Taxes on Do. for 1840 and 1841, . .	1329.70	
Receipts Exceeding Expenses, . . .	4293.15	
	9.356.75	9.356.75

John Thomson, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

1842.				
Sept$^{r.}$ 30.	To Receipts this quarter, . . .			9.356.75
1842.				
July 30.	By Balance due him, . .		720.29	
Sept$^{r.}$ 30.	"	Expenditures this q$^{r.}$, .	5163.60	
" "	"	Bal. due the Grand Lodge,	3572.86	
			9356.75	9.356.75
1842.				
Sept$^{r.}$ 30.	To Balance due the Grand Lodge, .			3572.86

All of which is respectfully Submitted by your Committee.

Nov. 28^{th,} 1842.

Signed. Jo$^{s.}$ R. Riley.
B. C. Cooper.

The following report was read and the proceedings approved, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned respectfully reports that since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge he has, with the advice of the Grand Officers, rented the Room in the Chestnut Street Hall, Known as the Chapter Room to the Commissioners of the County of Philad$^{a.}$ for the purpose of holding a court of Justice, at a rent of 500$ per annum and that he has rented the refreshment room for a publick school room at a yearly rent of 200$ there has also been rented one of the back Rooms on the Second floor as a private School Room at 100$ per annum. The Gass Company Still occupy the Workshop in Lodge St. at a yearly rent of 175$ making the permanent rent of the premises in all $975 per annum.

As the resolutions of the Grand Lodge restrict the Grand Treasurer from renting for a longer period than three months

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without their approbation, he now respectfully asks the approval of the Grand Lodge to the foregoing arrangement.

Respectfully Submitted.

John Thomson,

Phil., Dec$^{r.}$ 5^{th,} 1842. Grand Treasurer.

The Committee on Regalia reported progress and on motion duly made and seconded,

Resolved, that the sum of Three hundred and twenty dollars be appropriated to the payment of R. W. Desilvers Bill for regalia.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge No. 153, at Waynesburg, asking for the remission of Grand Lodge dues for the last Two Years.

Which on motion duly made and Seconded, was refered to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A Communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and refered to the Committee of Correspondence.

A New Copy of the By Laws of Lodge No. 158 and Lodge No. 9 was received and refered to the Committee of By Laws.

This being the Evening appointed by the rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge for the Election of its Officers the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Alter of N$^{o.}$ 72; Badger of N$^{o.}$ 91; Julius of 158, & Smith of N$^{o.}$ 67 Tellers.

The R. W. G. Lodge then went into a Ballot when the following Officers were unanimously Elected, viz:

Bro. Cornelius Stevenson, R. W. G. Master, in place of Bro. Jo$^{s.}$ R. Chandler who declined a reelection.

Bro. William Barger, R. W. Dep$^{y.}$ G. Master.

Bro. Jo$^{s.}$ R. Chandler the R. W. G. Master announced that in consequence of Bro. Jn$^{o.}$ W. M^{c}Grath removing to another State he would not be a candidate for Office in the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Lodge then proceeded in the Election when

Bro. James Page was duly Elected R. W. S. G. Warden.
" Peter Fritz, " " " " " Jr." do.
" John Thomson, " " re " " " " Treas.
" William H. Adams, " " " " " " Sec$^{y.}$
and " Samuel H. Perkins,
" Enos S. Gandy,
" Alex$^{r.}$ Diamond,

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Bro. Bayse Newcomb,
" Samuel Badger, were duly re-elected Trustees of the Girard Bequest.

The following resolution was then offered and unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be directed to reclaim the premium for the amount insured on this Hall from the Inland navigation and insurance Company and to make insurance in the Fire Association of Philad[a]. for the same amount.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 O. c. P. M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

Saint Johns Day, PHILADELPHIA, Monday,
December 27th, A. D. 1842, A. L. 5842.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	Joseph R. Chandler,	R. W.	Grand	Master.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	" "	Dep "	"
"	William Barger,	" "	Sr. "	Warden.
"	John Goodman,	" "	Jr. "	" P. T.
"	John Thomson,	" "	"	Treasurer.
"	William H. Adams,	" "	"	Secretary.
Rev[d]. "	Ezra Stiles Ely, D. D.	" "	"	Chaplains.
" "	John J. Kerr,			
" "	O. Douglass,			
"	John D. Moore,	" "	Sr.	G. Deacons.
"	William Whitney,	" "	Jr. "	"
"	J. H. Markland,	" "	"	Marshall.
"	Jacob Steiner,	" "	"	Sword Bearer.
"	T. B. Florence,	" "	"	Pursuivant.
"	Samuel H. Perkins,	" "		Past G. Master.

Lodges Represented.	Names of Brethren.
No. 2,	Desilver, Guillou, Doran.
" 3,	Page, Orr, Florence, Desilver, King, Webb, M[c]Culloch, Heysham, Thomson, Dillman, M[c]Karaher, Colloday.

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No. 9, Haslam, Andrews.
" 19, Patton, Childs.
" 51, Markland, Thomson, Bouvier, Nesbit.
" 52, Long, High, Goodman, Whitney.
" 59, Campbell, Davenport, Garrett, Gandy, Adams.
" 62, Chandler, Proxy.
" 67, Martin, Smith, Weeks, Jo$^{s.}$ Hutchinson, Simpson, Reese.
" 71, Snyder, Myers, L. Hyneman.
" 72, Stevenson, Barger, Alter, Johnson, Morgan.
" 81, Mullin.
" 91, Perkins, Manning.
" 114, Barrett, Thomson, Krider.
" 115, Diamond, Haines.
" 125, Bournonville, Veite, Steiner, Dobeiley, Hancken.
" 130, Chandler, Lescure, Riley, Easby, Logue, Moody.
" 155, Allen, Bowen, Fritz.
" 158, Mason, Moore.
" 186, Russell, Kille, Hastings.
" 187, Frost.
" 211, Page, Holmes, Fisher.
Proxeys.
" 108, Adams.
" 138, Adams.
" 201, Riley.

Twenty five Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at 10 Oclock. in the Morning.

When Bro. Joseph R. Chandler, Esq., in a very Eloquent and appropriate address took leave of the Brethren as Grand Master.

Whereupon, Bro. Cornelius Stevenson offered the following Preamble and Resolutions, which on motion duly made and Seconded, were unanimously adopted, vz:

Whereas, Brother Joseph R. Chandler, Esq$^{r.}$ having at the last Quarterly Grand Communication expressed a desire that he might not be considered a candidate for reelection to the highly important Office of Grand Master, a station which for the last two years he has filled with great ability and satisfaction to the Grand Lodge, Therefore Resolved, that the thanks

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of the Grand Lodge be and the same are hereby respectfully tendered to our esteemed Brother Jo$^{s.}$ R. Chandler, Esq$^{r.}$ for the very faithful, courteous and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of Right Worshipful Grand Master during the whole of his official term.

Resolved, that he be requested to furnish a copy of the addresses delivered by him to the Lodges in his Grand Visitations, and also his valedictory delivered this day, that the Grand Lodge may take such order thereon as may be deemed conducive to the interest of Masonry in General and this Grand Lodge in Particular.

Resolved, that the Elective Grand Officers be appointed to carry the foregoing resolutions into effect.

So much of the Minutes of Dec$^{r.}$ 5th as relates to the Election of Grand Officers was then read and those present who were not Past Masters having withdrawn the following Grand Officers elect were severally Installed into their respective offices in Ancient and Solemn form and being duly proclaimed they received the cordial and accustomed Salutations of the Brethren, viz:

Bro. Cornelius Stevenson, R. W. Grand Master.
" William Barger, " " Deputy " "

whereupon the Brethren who had withdrawn were readmitted and the following Grand Officers elect were then severally installed into their respective Offices in Ancient and Solemn form and being duly proclaimed they received the cordial and accustomed Salutations of the Brethren, viz:

Bro. James Page,	R. W.	Senior	Grand Warden.
" Peter Fritz,	"	Junior	" "
" John Thomson,	"		" Treasurer.
" William H. Adams,	"		" Secretary.

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to make the following Appointments, viz:

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Bro. Joseph Kingsberry of Sheshequin, Bradford Co., Pa., for the Counties of Bradford, Tioga, Susquehanna & Luzerne.

Bro. Robert Moderwell of the City of Lancaster, for the County of Lancaster.

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[illegible] Barger, " " Deputy " "

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[illegible] " Junior " "
" [illegible] " " Treasurer
" [illegible] " " Secretary

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Bro. William B. Potts of Schuylkill, Co., Pa., for the County of Schuylkill.
Bro. Joseph L. Stichter of Reading, for the County of Berks.
Bro. Christian P. Gummert of Brownsville, for the Counties of Fayette & Greene.
Bro. James M. Porter of Easton, for the Conties of Lehigh, Northampton and Pike.
Bro. John Birmingham of Pittsburg, for the County of Allegheney.
Bro. Benj^{n}. Park of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin and Lebanon.

Grand Chaplains.

Rev^{d}. Bro. John Chambers.
" " Peter Van Pelt.
" " John B. Clemson.
" " Orson Douglass.
" " John J. Kerr.
" " J. L. Burrows.
" " Henry W. Ducachet.
" " Ezra Stiles Ely, D. D.
" " Samuel Ashton.

Grand Deacons.

Bro. William Whitney, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Antony Bournonville, Junior Do. Do.

Grand Stewards.

Bro. Lambert Keating.
" Tobias Buehler.

Grand Marshall, Bro. John H. Markland.
Grand Sword Bearer, " Jacob Steiner.
" Pursuivant, " Thomas B. Florence.
" Tyler, " Charles Schneider.

Trustees of the Charity Fund.

Bro. John Jones.
" Jacob Alter.
" William English.
" John Allen.
" Richard Mackey.

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Committee of Finance.

Bro. George Smith.
" B. C. Cooper.
" George D. Haswell.
" Benj^{n}. Housekeeper.
" Alex^{r}. E. Dougherty.

Committee of Correspondence.

Bro. A. M. Prevost.
" J. A. Phillips.
" J. S. Zorns.

Committee on By Laws.

Bro. William H. Adams.
" Alva Mason.
" James Hutchinson.

Committee to Examine the transactions of the last Year and Select for publication.

Bro. E. W. Keyser.
" Samuel Davis.
" John Goodman.

Hall Committee.

Bro. Charles M^{c}Karaher.
" John C. Smith.
" Robert Patton.

The following protest was presented when on Motion duly made and Seconded, it was refered to the Elective Grand Officers with power to act, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Master of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The subscribers respectfully represent that they are Members of Lodge No. 3, held in the City of Philadelphia, and politely petition your body to set aside the Election held in the above named Lodge for Officers on the Evening of the 20th Inst. upon which occasion many delinquent Brethren voted in open violation of the 2nd Article of the By Laws, which positively and absolutely refuses and denies the privilege of the Elective franchise to all brethren in Arrears.

And your petitioners further represent that there was two ballotings for the Office of Senior Warden the first of which

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resulted in an equality of votes between the two candidates there having been forty-four votes poled and at the Second Balloting there were Forty nine votes polled being an increase of Five votes on the Second poll and as there appears to have been a larger number of votes polled than there were brethren present, your petitioners have reason to believe that the said Election was conducted both informerly and illegally, and that if such proceedings are to be tolerated the Delinquent will ever after be enabled to give a nulity to the Suffrage of a Free Member, and must likewise tend to abrogate the By Laws, and ultimately prove destructive of the Authority of the Grand Lodge, to whose decision your petitioners have ever bowed in humble Submission, trusting the above matter may meet the consideration of your honorable body to the end that Justice may be done all the parties concerned therein, and as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Signed. John Beaty. William M. Martin.
James M^{c}Cann. Michael Carlin.
Henry Delaney.

The Annual Grand Communication Closed in Harmony Fifteen Minutes before 12 Oclock, M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 6th, A. D. 1843, A. L. 5843.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Brother	C. Stevenson,	R. W.	Grand	Master.
"	W. Barger,	" "	Dep$^{y.}$	"
"	Ja$^{s.}$ Page,	" "	S$^{r.}$	" Warden.
"	Peter Fritz,	" "	J$^{r.}$	" "
"	John Thomson,	" "		" Treasurer.
"	W$^{m.}$ H. Adams,	" "		" Secretary.
"	W$^{m.}$ W. Smith,	" "	Dep$^{y.}$	"
"	W. Whitney,	" "	S$^{r.}$	Deacon.
"	A. Bournonville,	" "	J$^{r.}$	"
"	J. H. Markland,	" "		" Marshall.
"	Jacob Steiner,	" "		" Sword Bearer.

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Brother T. B. Florence, R. W. Grand Pursuivant.
" J. R. Chandler, } Past Grand Masters.
" S. H. Perkins, }

Lodges Represented. Names of Brethren.

No. 2, Molan, Young.
" 3, Page, Dodson, McCulloch, Florence, Carlin, McKaraher, Thomson.
" 9, Andrews, Stone, Robinson.
" 19, Bradley, Griscom, Patton.
" 51, Thomson, Whitney, Markland, Bender, Stull.
" 52, Goodman, Clements, Long.
" 59, Adams, Smith, Scott, Storm, Garrett, Davenport, Kneass, Shumway.
" 62, Chandler, Herr.
" 67, Simpson, Wagner, Baugh, Weeks, Reese, Hutchinson, Hamilton, Smith.
" 71, Laws, Myers, M. Hyneman, Schneider, Frismuth, Leon Hyneman.
" 72, Stevenson, Barger, Morgan, Alter, Williams, Coleman, Molan, West.
" 91, Mitchell, Quinton, Perkins.
" 108, Adams, Proxy.
" 114, Beck, Krider, W. Thomson.
" 115, Shultz, Humes, Balck, Diamond, Anderson.
" 125, Steiner, Bournonville, Maehrteins, Schmidt.
" 130, Wescot, Chandler, Moody, Easby, Lescure.
" 138, Adams.
" 155, Fritz, Flick, Allen.
" 158, Mason, Dannaker, Conwell, Moore.
" 186, Smith, Barrington, Hastings, White, Russell.
" 187, Knight.
" 211, Cartwright, Dorlan.

24 Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at Fifteen minutes before Seven Oclk, P. M.

The following Visitors were admitted.

Bro. Alex. Allison, Rich^{d} Vaux, & Rich^{d} Leach, No. 3.
George Read of no. 9.
Rob^{t} J. Park, George Herrington, R. R. Hodges, J. W. Bird, Jn^{o} Thornly, Rev^{d} W^{m} Jackson, of No. 19.
Edw^{d}. Jones, Paris Union Lodge, No. 16, Paris, Ky.

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Wm Halloway, Richmond Lodge, No. 25, Kentucky.
S. Maycock, Benevolent Lodge, No. 28, N. Y.
N. B. Leidy, No. 59, Phil.
James E. Davidson, No. 99, Glasgow.
Joseph Archambault, No. 115, Phil.
Edwd R. Grace " 186.
Moses Lazarus, Jno Woods, No. 211.
James McQuillin, No. 650, Ireland.
William Costello " 691 do.

Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication Decr. 5th read and adopted. Minutes of the Annual Grand Communication Decr. 27th, A. L. 5842, read and adopted.

The followoing returns were received, read and ordered to be filed, viz:

Lodge No. 2, Philadelphia. Suspended, W— P. A—, J— C—, W— H. L—, D— M—, E— G. S— for non payment of dues.

Lodge No. 3, Phila. Suspended, W— G—, J— K—, J— W. C—, G— B. M—, J— T—, J— W— for N. P. of Dues.

Lodge No. 9, Philad. Suspended, J— A—, J— C—, J— McC—, & C— B— for Non payment of dues.

Lodge No. 19, Philad. Suspended, J— A—, S— S—, R— G. W—, G— R— & A— H— for Non payment of dues.

Lodge No. 21, at Harrisburg. No Suspensions or Expulsions.

Lodge No. 43, Lancaster. Suspended, B— K—, D— C—, A— K—, J— M. H—, C— F—, Jr., G— M—, M— H—, G— W— for Non payment of Dues.

Lodge No. 51, Philad. Suspended, J— M. S—, S— R. B—, B— C— and W— J. A. B— for Non payment of dues.

Lodge No. 52, Philad. Suspended, J— D—. S— B—, W— D—, A— M—, J— A— for non payment of dues and the Expulsion of W— W— for Unmasonic Conduct.

Lodge No. 59, Philad. Suspended, G— H—, W— T. D—, J— M—, C— T. R—, C. B— B—, D— D— and G— D— for Non payment of dues.

Lodge No. 62, Reading, Penns. Suspended, G— B—, M— B—, M— A—, A— D—, H— G—, J— B—, G— D—, P— McC—, W— R—, E— W—, J— H. C—, C— H. A—, J— H. V— R—, H— H—, J— G— for non payment of dues and the Expulsion of J— C. A. B— for

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Swindling. And the Rejection of F— L—, G— H—, L— M—, G— D. L—, O— B—.

Lodge No. 67, Philad[a]. No suspensions or rejections.

Lodge No. 71, Philad[a]. Suspended, W— H. B— for non payment of Dues.

Lodge No. 72, Philad[a]. Suspended, M— C—, A. C. C—, E— L—, J— S— for non payment of dues.

Lodge No. 82, Milford, Pike Co., Pa. No suspensions or Expulsions.

Lodge No. 91, Philad[a]. Suspended, T— H—, T— G—, R— H—, T— C—, J— K—, J— B. N—, T— M. F—, R— W. P— for non payment of Dues.

Lodge No. 114, Philad[a]. Suspended, T— H. S— for non payment of dues.

Lodge No. 115, Philad[a]. Suspended, H— B—, J— W— & B— M. O— for non payment of dues.

Lodge No. 125, Philad[a]. No Suspensions or Expulsions.

Lodge No. 130, Philad[a]. No Suspensions or Expulsions.

Lodge No. 138, Orwigsburg. No Suspensions.

Lodge No. 152, at Easton. Expelled, L— R. N— for non payment of dues. Rejected, J— D. H—, L— K—, J— M. B—, C— F— & F— H—.

Lodge No. 155, Philad[a]. No Suspensions.

Lodge No. 158, Philad[a]. Suspended, J— P—, D— N. S—, J— G. H— & J— B. G— for non payment of dues.

Lodge No. 186, Philad[a]. Suspended, J— W—, T— C—, R— M. L—, R— S. B—, W— L—, J— Z. B—, J— S. K— and D— T. A— for non payment of Dues.

Lodge No. 187, Philad[a]. No Suspensions or Expulsions.

Lodge No. 190, at Norristown. No suspensions.

Lodge No. 211, Kensington. Suspended, E— W— & R— P— for non payment of Dues.

Lodge No. 216, Pottsville, Pa. Suspended, L— O—, C— H. R— & G. B. Z— for non payment of dues.

The following Petition was received, read and on motion duly Seconded, was refered to a Committee of three Past Grand Masters.

To the R. W. C. Stevenson, Esq[r]. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of the State of Penns[a]. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

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The petition of the subscribers members of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 155,

Respectfully represent:

That at the last election for Officers at the meeting of Said Lodge, some of the subscribers who are in arrears, were not permitted to vote, while others who had not discharged their dues except by due bills, unauthorised by our By Laws or a vote of the Lodge were permitted to vote, and altho the By Laws were read, which state that no brother in arrears was eligible to hold Office, still the W. M. permitted the Election of the S. W. and Treasurer, who were both in arrears the night of the Election and were permitted to vote.

The subscribers respectfully request the Grand Lodge will appoint a committee to investigate the illegality of the Election.

Hyligar Ruan.	John Monyer.
Augustus Larentree.	Wm. Ford.
John Abraham.	John S. Painter.
John Mills.	Wm. Dohnert.

The R. W. G. M. appointed P. G. M. Bros. B. Newcomb, Saml. H. Perkins & Jos. R. Chandler, Committee.

The following petition was received, read and refered to the R. W. G. Master & Grand Secretary.

To the R. W. Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Penns.

The petition of the Subscriber respectfully represents that in the year 1816, I paid the expence of establishing Lodge No. 143, in Chambersburg, Pa., of which I was chosen the first W. M and continued to be reelected from time to time until perhaps 1823 or 1824 after I had ceased to be the Master of Said Lodge and after having removed from Chambersburg some difficulties occurred between myself and the Lodge, in the settlement of my account. I then believed and I now believe that I neither was nor is now indebted to said Lodge, I having sustained said Lodge for a number of Years, while it was unable to sustain itself. Your Memorialist further represents that in 1826 I was Suspended for non payment of dues, from the decision of Lodge No. 143 I appealed to the Grand Lodge, who appointed a Committee to investigate my a/c with Lodge No. 143, which Committee reported a balance due from me of about nine dollars for which sum I passed my note to

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the Treasurer of said Lodge, which note is either paid or mislaid as it is not now to be found. Bro. John Flanigan was the Treasurer to whom I gave the note, altho I at the time did not consider myself indebted to Lodge No. 143, it now appearing on examination that I still stand Suspended for Non payment of dues. I now most respectfully solicit your R. W. body to remit my dues if in their opinion I am indebted and restore me to my rank among Masons & your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray, &c. Signed. James Wilson,
Carlisle, Penns.

The following Communication was received and refered to the Elective Grand Officers with power to act.

To the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

We the undersigned Free and accepted Ancient York Masons of the Town of Beaver and Vicinity, would humbly represent to your Worship that Lodge No. 133, at Beaver, has long since ceased to act as a Lodge; that said Lodge as we believe has paid off all her dues until she ceased operations therefore we would at this time Solicit the Grand Lodge to cancel all dues, which have since accrued, and authorize Said Lodge to go into operation again under her Charter which remains with the former Officers of said Lodge. And as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

Beaver, Penns., Dec$^{r.}$ 17, 1842.

Signed.

Members of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 133.	Mem. of Dif$^{t.}$ Lodges. who cooperate.
C. S. Reno.	Ovid Penny.
M. Adams.	C. W. Bloss.
R. Townsend.	Stephen Phillips.
Ammi Bond, Jr.	W$^{m.}$ Brown.
Gawin Dunlap.	John Geary.
John Reno.	J. Avery Sholes.
Samuel Moore.	Ja$^{s.}$ H. Blinn.
A. Bausman.	Adam M^{c}Kee.
James Leaf.	Martin Fisher.
Hugh M^{c}Lean.	

Several Communications were received from Bro. John Dunbar Creigh in relation to Lodge No. 208, at Bloomfield, Perry County, Penns$^{a.}$

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Which on motion duly Seconded, were refered to the Elective Grand Officers with power to act.

The following report from the Committee of Finance was received and accepted, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

The Committee of Finance respectfully report a Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures by the Grand Treasurer for and on account of the Grand Lodge for the quarter ending Dec[r]. 31[st]. 1842, viz:

Receipts.

From Masonic Hall, Chestnut St., viz:	$1151.87		
For Lodge & Chapter Dues & rent, ...	341.86		
From Hall Committee Rent, .	87.50		
" Grand Secretary for Certificates, ...	6.00		$1.587.23

Expenditures.

For Masonic Hall, Chestnut Street, viz:			
Taxes for the year 1842, . .	$ 570.00		
Coal, ...	48.12		
Commissions to Superintendant,	79.65		
Repairs & Improvements, . .	207.54		
Current expenses, . . .	152.70	1.058.01	
For Third Street Hall, viz:			
Gass 60.52, Hydrants 10$, .	$ 70.52		
Taxes for the Year 1842, . .	190.00		
Repairs, ...	7.75		
Trees, ...	5.00		
Charcoal & Cleaning Stoves, .	14.50	287.77	
		1.345.78	
Interest p[d]. to stockholders, .	$ 168.00		
do. do. Gass certificates, .	6.38		
do. do. J. C. Fisher on Mortgage, . .	200.00		
do. do. City dancing assembly, . .	330.00	704.38	

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For Regalia, ...	320.00	
" Deposit with Fire assurance for per pet. Insu. on 3d St. Hall, . .	254.00	
" Binding Ahiman Rezons, . . .	4.50	
" Salaries, viz: Grand Treasurer, .	50.00	
" " Secretary, .	200.00	
" " Tyler & Tyling,	45.00	$2.923.66
Expenditures exceeding receipts, . .		$1.336.43
Balance due by Grd. Treas. Oct. 1, 1842,	$3.572.86	
do. do. Dec. 31, "	2.236.43	$1.336.43

Phil., March 6, 1843.

Signed. Geo. Smith,
A. E. Dougherty,
Geo. D. Haswell,
Committee of Finance.

The following was also received from The Committee of Finance and accepted, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns^{a}.

The Committee of Finance to whom were refered the Communication of Concordia Lodge, No. 67, Respectfully report, that they have duly considered the proposition of said Lodge, to transfer a sum in payment in full to the Grand Lodge for all future dues and demands.

The amount of dues to be paid by the Lodges is fixed by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and a proportion of the amount paid for each initiation is pledged to the Sinking Fund by the agreement between the Grand Lodge and the subscribers to the Grand Lodge Loans. For these and other reasons your Committee deem it inexpedient for the Grand Lodge to make the proposed arrangement.

Phil., March 6th, 1843.

Geo. Smith,
Alex. E. Dougherty,
Geo. D. Haswell,
Comme. Finance.

A Communication was received and read from Bro. Jos. Kingsberry, also one from Bro. Alaphalet Mason in relation to the reorganization of Evergreen Lodge, No. 163, at Monroton, Bradford County, which was refered to the Grand Officers.

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The following Communications were received from the Hall Committee and on Motion were approved.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

The Hall Committee Report,

That within the last Masonic year they have held regular meetings once a week at the Hall and attended to the duties assigned them. They received from Bro. Sam[l]. H. Thomas late Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, a plaster casting of the Bust of the R. W. P. Grand Master J. B. Gibson, Esq[r]., also a coloured drawing of Bro. J. R. Poinsett, Esq[r]., late Sec[y]. of Warr to be presented through them to the R. W. G. Lodge of Penns[a]. which they did.

Two of the lower rooms, and Cellars of the Hall have been rented the present year Mr. Gosman who occupied the north cellar gave it up in August and Messrs. Bohlen & Borie rented both Cellars, the north and south at one Hundred and fifty dollars per annum for the purpose of storing Liquors. Charles Gibbons, Esq[r]. gave up front office in August, when it was again rented with the back room at $250 per annum by Messrs. Bondette & May for the purpose of teaching Dancing in, but in one months time for the want of sufficient encouragement, they relinquished the front room, and continued in the Back Room at $125 per annum, and in the early part of Dec[r]. the committee reced an application from Bro. James Gowen for the front office, for the use of the Philad[a]. Agricultural Society to meet in, but could not pay a higherent as the Committee had been receiving for it, as they then had a room in the Philosophical Hall for which they paid $75.00 per Annum.

Your committee desirous of obtaining a responsible Tennant offered it at 125$ When Bro. Gowen Chairman of a Committee from the Phil. Agri[l]. Society agreed to take it at 125$ per Annum payable quarterly to commence on the first of Jan[y]. next.

The Committee further state that they have received for rents $245\frac{88}{100}$ and paid over to the Grand Treasurer 250 Dollars and passed Bills for the use of the Hall of $723\frac{56}{100}$, Viz: Taxes 190$, Gass $352\frac{14}{100}$ Fuel $80\frac{21}{100}$ and sundries $101\frac{21}{100}$ as per acct. handed to the Grand Secretary.

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All of which is respectfully submitted.
Philad$^{a.}$, Dec$^{r.}$ 27$^{th.}$ 1842.

Signed.
Charles M^{c}Karaher,
John C. Smith,
Hall Committee.

Dr. Cha$^{s.}$ M^{c}Karaher, Ch$^{n.}$ Hall Committee In account with the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

1841.				Cr.
Dec$^{r.}$	28$^{th.}$	To Balance, ...		$ 25.50
1842.				
Mch.	9$^{th.}$	" Cash from C. Gibbons 1 qrs. Rent,		" 37.50
June	1$^{st.}$	" " " " " " "		" 37.50
"	8$^{th.}$	" " " G. Grossman	"	" 25.00
July	26$^{th.}$	" " " " " " "		" 25.00
Aug$^{t.}$	20$^{th.}$	" " " " " " "		" 25.00
Sept$^{r.}$	7	" " " C. Gibbons "	"	" 37.50
Nov$^{r.}$	3	" " " Borie & Bohlen,	"	" 37.50
"	7	" " " Bodette & May	"	" 20.83

1842.		Cr.		
Mch.	11	By Cash to Bro. Jn$^{o.}$ Thomson, G. T., ...	$ 37.50	
June	6	" " " Do.	" 37.50	
Aug$^{t.}$	20	" " " Do.	" 25.00	
Sept.	9	" " " Do.	" 37.50	
Nov.	3	" " " Do.	" 37.50	
"	29	" " " Do.	" 25.00	
Dec$^{r.}$	23	" " " Do.	" 50. "	
"	27	" Balance Do.	" 21.33	
			$271.33	$271.33

1842.
Dec$^{r.}$ 28$^{th.}$ To Balance as above Dollars $21.33.
Phil., Dec$^{r.}$ 28$^{th.}$ 1842.

The following Report of the Committee of Correspondence was read and accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Master of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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The Committee of Correspondence respectfully Report,

That since their last report they have examined the following Communications from Grand Lodges in the United States, and abroad, viz:

Connecticut,	1841 and 1842.
Georgia,	1841.
Kentucky,	1841 and 1842.
Louisiana,	1841.
Maryland,	1841 and 1842.
New York,	1841 and 1842.
Mississippi,	1841 and 1842.
Massachusetts,	1840.
Missouri,	1841.
N. Carolina,	1840.
New Hampshire,	1841 and 1842.
New Jersey,	1841.
Ohio,	1840.
Rhode Island,	1841.
Texas,	1841.
Tennessee,	1842.
Virginia,	1841.

All of which are indicative of a gradual increase of the prosperity of the Craft, but require no particular action on the part of the R. W. G. Lodge.

And your Committee will simply remark that the proposition of the Grand Lodge of Alabama to send delegates & form a general Grand Lodge of the United States has not been responded to by a Sufficient number of the State Grand Lodges, to make the expediency of the measure sufficiently clear.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. A. M. Prevost,
Committee.

The following report was received, read and approved.

To the R W. Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

The undersigned your committee appointed upon the petition of a number of Brethren of Lodge, No. 153, at Waynesburg, praying for a remission of Dues for the last two years.

Report,

That the duty has been attended to and after carefully considering the matter unanimously agreed to grant the prayer

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of the petitioners and directed the Grand Secretary to notify them of the Same.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed.	P. Fritz,	S. Stevenson,
	Jn°. Thomson,	Wm. Barger,
	Wm. H. Adams,	J. Page,

Phil., Mar. 6th. 1843. Committee.

The following report from the Committee on regalia was read and approved, viz: The Committee appointed to procure new collars, &c., and to have the Jewels repaired, Report,

That they have attended to the duties assigned them. They have procured Nineteen sets of new collars, aprons and sashes, in which are included those of three Grand Chaplains and three Past Grand Masters. These were procured of Bro. R. W. Desilver for the sum of $320.00.

The Jewels were cleaned & repaired in a very excellent manner by Bro. G. K. Childs at a charge of $——. New Belts were procured for the swords of the Lodge (the old ones having become much faded and tarnished and not suitable to be worn with the new regalia) These Belts are of Purple silk velvet trimmed with Gold lace and cost for the Four $26.00. The Committee ascertained that to make them of Purple leather embroidered with gold, like the old ones, would have cost the Lodge $60. The Sword Knots and Tassels cost $11.00 and as well as the Belts were obtained from Mr. Wm. H. Hortsman, as the plates and buckles belonging to the Swords were attached to the new belts, the Committee, in order that, the old might not be rendered useless, but might still serve for ordinary occasions had them fitted with plates and other appliances of a cheaper character, likewise procured from Wm. H. Hortsman for $5.00.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. James Page,
J. H. Markland,
Committee.

On motion duly made and Seconded, Wm. H. Hortsmans Bill amounting to $—— was ordered to be paid.

The following report from the Trustees of the Charity Fund was read and Approved, viz:

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To the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Penns[a].

The Trustees of the Charity Fund beg leave to Report,

That in compliance with the Resolution of the Grand Lodge your Trustees exposed for sale the Real Estate situated in Chester, late the Property of Lodge N°. 69 and sold the same for $325.00, but on executing a title it was discovered that there was a clause in the Deed made by the Trustees of No. 69 to the Grand Lodge "that if ever their Lodge should revive then this property was to revert to them." In consequence of this clause the purchaser declined taking the property unless an act could be obtained from the Legislature allowing the Grand Lodge to convey the same.

In consequence of the change in times & the very great reduction in the value of real Estate your Trustees have thought it best for all concerned to let the whole lie dormant for a season, and have rented the same for Twenty five Dollars per annum.

Annexed is the Treasurers report Shewing a balance in the Treasury of One hundred & ninety seven Dollars, seventy five cents.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. Rich[d]. Mackey,
John Jones,
Jn°. H. Markland,
Committee.

Phil., Dec[r]. 27, 1842.

The Trustees of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Penns[a]. in account with John Jones, Treasurer.

1842.	*Dr.*	
Jan[y]. 27.	Cash received from C. Stout late Treasurer, ...	$ 66.67
Sept. 16.	" received from J. Thomson G. T. for Int. due Fund, ...	"153.00

1842.	*Supra Cr.*	
April 4[th].	Pd. J. Weaver for repairs and Taxes on Property in Chester, ...	$ 19.58

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May	Expenses to Chester, . .	$ .1.00	
	Postage, ...	" .1.34	
Dec^{r}. 27.	Bal. in Hands, . . .	"197.75	
	Dollars	$219.67	$219.67
1842.			
Dec^{r}. 27.	Dr. for Bal. as above, . .	Dollars	$197.75

Signd. J. Jones, Treas^{r}.

The following report from the Committee of Grand Officers was received, read and adopted.

When on motion duly made and Seconded, the Grand Secretary was directed to send a printed Copy of the same. Commencing with the reasons for the decision to the Worshipful Master of the Subordinate Lodges, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns^{a}.

The Grand Officers, a Committee with power to act, to whom was refered the petition of certain Brethren of Lodge N^{o}. 3 in relation to the Election for Officers in said Lodge on the 20th of December last, beg leave respectfully to Report,

That with a view to get all the information in their power on so grave and important a subject as that contained in the petition of the complainants, the Committee procured the attendance of the W. M., Secretary and a number of the Brethren of Lodge No. 3, and after a careful and deliberate examination of all the facts of the case, came to the unanimous conclusion that the first complaint of the petitioners was fully proven, to wit:

That many delinquent members voted at said Election in violation of the second article of the By Laws, which provides that no Brother shall be permitted to vote at an Election for Officers unless he has previously paid his dues.

The Second charge, viz:

That there were a larger number of votes polled than there were members present does not appear to the Committee to have been clearly proven, no list of the members present or of the members voting was taken by the Secretary, a practice too common in the Lodges, and which it would be well for them to avoid in future. The evidence was of a conflicting character drawn from the recollections of the Brethren as to the

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number present, before and after and at the time of the Election and as to that number there was a diversity of opinion.

In view of the foregoing facts the committee came to the following decision, to wit:

Resolved,

That the Election for Officers in Lodge N°. 3 be set aside, the same having been conducted contrary to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and the By Laws of N°. 3, the Members thereof are hereby directed to hold another Election for Officers at their next stated night of Meeting.

Resolved,

That Bro. George Thomson the Worshipful Master of said Lodge No. 3, be directed to call the Meeting of the said Lodge for the said purpose at the time above mentioned.

The reasons for the above decision are obvious. The By Laws of a Lodge are Sacred and may not be set aside at will, on this occasion, they seem by common consent to have been disregarded. To Sanction the Election under such circumstances, would be in effect to encourage the Lodge in the violation of its own By Laws, a step which no good Mason could approve, and which the binding obligations of the order will not permit the Committee to adopt.

It is the Special & bounden duty of the Worshipful Master of a Lodge to enforce the By Laws, yet how often does a false delicacy prevent him from so doing, when the question is one of a pecuniary nature, he should permit them on no account to be infringed.

If a brother who is able neglects to comply with them, the fault is his own, and he should not complain. If a brother is unable to pay, the Lodge has the power to relieve him and on proper representation will remit.

The Committee notice with regret the too prevailing neglect in the Lodges under this Jurisdiction to enforce (when there is ability in a Brother to liquidate his dues) the salutary provision in the By Laws, prerequisite to the exercise of the privilege of Suffrage, a requisition wisely intended by our masonic ancestors to supply the fountain of Charity, and effectually promote the noblest object of the Masonic family.

So far as the Officers of the Grand Lodge have the power, to put a stop to this evil (a growing one) its exercise may be

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looked upon as certain for in every case in which the matter is presented for their consideration the By Laws will be maintained, and all practices contrary to their Spirit and Letter meet with no favour. Complaints by those who may feel themselves agrieved, should be made in reasonable time, and according to the rules of the order, otherwise the chance of redress will be considerably diminished.

In every instance when the violation of the By Laws is permitted by the W. M. of a Lodge a protest should be promptly entered at the time, and notice given of an intention to apply to the Grand Lodge, and this application should be presented in form at the Quarterly Communication succeeding the occurrance, a case then coming up will be fresh for Investigation and the facts of easy access. The action of the Grand Officers, so far as the same may be invoked by the Grand Lodge will be equally prompt and decisive. Their duty is a plain and a simple one, to preserve the Land Marks of the order and frown upon every attempt to violate or oppose them. They would be unworthy of the exalted posts they occupy, if, for the sake of convenience or any false notion of expediency, they countenance in a single instance a departure from the Written Law, or the unwritten but Solemn obligations of every Master Mason.

It appeared also, in the course of this examination, that some of the Lodges are in the habit at the meetings for Elections of Setting aside by vote the article in their By Laws requiring the payment of dues previous to voting, this course is as fully reprehensible as the other if not more so, and at war with the principles of our order.

The practice also of admitting members by the Junior Warden, when the Lodge is called off to prepare for the Election, is improper because members are admitted contrary to the Constitution, which says no member can be admitted without the knowledge and consent of the W. M., and in many instances the members so admitted are permitted to vote without paying their dues, as the dues are collected previous to going into the Election.

The Lodge so acting deliberately practice a wrong as must be apparant to every brother, a course so pernicious in its effects

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and striking at the prosperity of the order, should be abandoned and never permitted to occur again.

Respectfully Submitted.

Peter Fritz, C. Stevenson,
Jn°. Thomson, Wm. Barger,
Wm. H. Adams, James Page,

Phil., Mar., 6/43. Committee.

Communications were received from the following Grand Lodges, viz:

Virginia to December, 1842, Illinois to October, 1842, Missouri to October, 1842, New Jersey, to November, 1842, & Alabama to December, 1842.

Which on motion were referred to the Committee on correspondence.

The Committee on the By Laws of Subordinate Lodges made the following report, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

The Committee on By Laws to whom were referred for examination the By Laws of Meridian Star Lodge, N°. 158, held in the City of Philad^a.

Respectfully Report:

That they have carefully examined the same and recommend their adoption after Striking out Article 12^th all after the Words Twenty five Dollars.

The said article reading as follows: Every person initiated in this Lodge shall pay the sum of Twenty Five dollars, Ten dollars of which shall be paid previous to receiving the first degree, Twenty dollars prior to confering the Second degree and the whole before receiving the third degree, and it shall be the duty of the Sec^y. to collect such sums as aforesaid, and in case of neglecting so to do he shall be responsible to the Lodge for the same, provided he neglects to give the Lodge due notice that the By Laws have not been complied with.

And in Article 18^th which reads as follows: "no Member shall be suspended or expelled from this Lodge without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present."

Strike out the words "two thirds" and insert "Majority."

Respectfully Submitted. Wm. H. Adams,
Alva Mason,

Phil., Mar. 6^th, 1843. Committee.

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The Consideration of Bro. Alex^r. E. Dougherty's resolution on reduction of the Grand Secretarys salary was taken up and negatived.

The R. W. Grand Master arose and addressed Bro. Joseph R. Chandler as follows:

Right Worshipful Sir & Brother,

The Grand Lodge at their annual Grand Communication on S^t. Johns day last, at the moment when you were about to retire from the exalted station which for two years you had so eminently filled, passed unanimously a resolution, expressive of the favourable opinion and great regard they entertained for you, as a man and as a mason, and especially for the great ability, and zeal manifested by you in the execution of the high and responsible office of Grand Master, and for the very courteous and impartial manner in which you discharged the important duties of the chair, while presiding over the deliberations of the Grand Lodge.

They also unanimously resolved that you be requested to furnish them with copies of the instructive and eloquent addresses delivered by you to the subordinate Lodges while making your grand visitations, and likewise your valedictory delivered on that day, and the Elective Grand Officers were appointed a committee to carry the same into effect.

The committee, anxious to discharge the duty confided to them, in a manner commensurate with its importance, were at a loss how best to accomplish it, after mature deliberation, they determined to have the resolutions transcribed by the hand of a master, and enclose them in a plain Gilt Frame, and thus prepared to present it to you in the body and in the presence of the Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge.

The pleasing duty now devolves upon me, and I assure you my Brother that I esteem it an honour in having been selected to present you with the same, and tho' it is but a faint expression of the favourable opinion the Grand Lodge entertains for you, and I cannot but regret that it is not a testimonial of much greater value and more worthy of your acceptance. Yet I pray you to accept it as the spontaneous effusion of fervent hearts and the fraternal and affectionate regard of your masonic Brethren and I trust sincere friends. And though you have retired from the arduous and anxious duties of the chair, may we not hope

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that you will long continue to be in our midst to aid and assist us with your counsel and advice, and by your presence stimulate and encourage us in our works of Charity and Love, and I sincerely pray that the Author of every good and perfect gift, may bestow upon you a rich portion of his abundant blessing, and grant you many, very many days, of uninterrupted health & prosperity and when you shall be called off from your labours in the Lodge below, may you be admitted in full membership with the Spirits of the Just made perfect in the celestial Grand Lodge above, where the Supreme Grand Master of the universe presides and receive from him the joyful welcome of "well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the Joy of thy Lord."

To which Bro. Joseph R. Chandler replied.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,

I have listened with deep emotion to the remarks with which you have been kind enough to preface the presentation of the evidence of brotherly love which this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge has so flatteringly exhibited in my behalf.

Not unused Right Worshipful Sir to find words to express my ideas in this assembly where all are brethren, I had hoped to give an utterance to my feelings in some way proportionate to their depth and correspondent with the language & sentiments with which the Grand Lodge through you has expressed its kindness to me, but to instruct, to direct, to advise, even where the heart goes with every word that is uttered, is different from the attempt to express feelings made tumultuous by extraordinary kindness, and to speak thanks for a favour that is to be remembered while life has a charm, nay more, which is to give a new charm to life, when other attractions fail.

If I have suffered some for Masonry & labored some for this institution, the Grand Lodge of Penns[a]. has signified her approbation and showered her rewards with a profusion more expressive of her own greatness and self respect, than my poor deservings. It is a comfort to me however, to know that in rising to the highest places in the gift of my brethren, I stood in the way of no others. I followed in the strong light of those whom their discrimination made my predecessors & the resolutions which you have now presented to me in the name

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of my brethren, lead me to hope that I transmit unimpaired to my successor all that was placed in my hands.

I beg leave Right Worshipful Brother most respectfully to express through you to the members of the Grand Lodge now in session my heart-felt Gratitude for their kindness, exhibited in their long forbearance with my deficiencies, their unvaried respectful deportment, their affectionate regard to my feelings, their repeated expressions of confidence, and last of all these resolutions declaring that their forbearance was not unrequited, their respect not wholly undeserved, their affection not without reciprocation, and their confidence not abused.

I cannot express to the Grand Lodge my sense of its merits; but I am too old, too much occupied with other matters, too sensible of the value of time to come as I have come, and as I intend to continue to come up to these convocations, without a full appreciation of the excellence of the order and the worth of those who compose this Grand Lodge.

To you Right Worshipful, my Successor, my brother and my friend, I may not express the feelings to which your kindness has given rise, I look bacward and upward to the place you occupy thankful to Providence (for the love I bear you) that you are called to such honors, and for the love I bear the craft, not less thankful to providence for their discrimination.

Be pleased Right Worshipful Grand Master to express to your brother Grand Officers my harty thanks for their cooperation in the work of love, in conveying to me in such an acceptable form the resolutions of the Grand Lodge, making more dear to me the kind sentiments of the Brethren by the richness of the medium of expression "like apples of Gold in pictures of Silver," and allow me Right Worshipful Sir, through you to assure my brethren present, and all of the order with whom I have been associated, that the manifestations of kindness this evening exhibited will knit me closer to them, to you and to all the Craft.

Bro. Leon Hyneman offered the following Resolution which was on motion laid upon the table until the Quarterly Communication in June, viz:

Resolved,

That the Rents of the subordinate Lodges & Chapters be

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reduced to Thirty dollars for the large room & Twenty two dollars for the small room.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at half past 9 Oc., P. M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 5th, A. D. 1843, A. L. 5843.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Brother	C. Stevenson,	R. W. Grand Master.
"	Wm. Barger,	" " Dep$^{y.}$ " "
"	James Page,	" " Sr. " Warden.
"	Peter Fritz,	" " Jr. " Do.
"	John Thomson,	" " " Treasurer.
"	Wm. H. Adams,	" " " Secy.
"	Horn R. Kneass,	" " Dep$^{y.}$ " "
"	William Whitney,	" " Sr. G. Deacon.
"	A. Bournonville,	" " Jr. " Do.
"	Peter Van Pelt,	Grand Chaplains.
"	Ezra Stiles Ely,	
"	Hiram Chamberlain, of the Grd. Lodge of Missouri,	
"	T. B. Florence,	Grand Marshal.
"	Jacob Steiner,	" Sword Bearer.
"	John H. Markland,	" Pursuivant.
"	Joseph R. Chandler,	Past Grd. Masters.
"	Samuel H. Perkins,	
"	John M. Read,	

Lodges Represented.

No	2, Doran, Desilver, Gillou, Collins.
"	3, Page, Florence, Thomson, McKaraher, McCulloch, Colin, R. R. Moore, Webb, Dodson.
"	9, Stone, Dorsey, Robinson.
"	19, Bradley, Griscom.
"	51, Whitney, Markland, Thomson, Israel, Nesbit, Bender.
"	52, Dorf, Patton.
"	59, Kneass, Adams, Storm, Garrett.
"	67, Field, Simpson, Baugh, Jones, Reese, Smith.

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N° 71, M. Hyneman, Meyers.
" 72, Stevenson, Barger, Alter, West, Molan.
" 91, Mitchell, Perkins, Badger.
" 114, Beck, Thomson, Housekeeper.
" 115, Anderson, Shultz, Black, Humes.
" 125, Steiner, Bournonville, Martens, Dobeley.
" 130, Wescott, Clemens, Moody, Riley, Chandler, Sleeper, Lescure.
" 155, Flick, Fritz, Jackson, Allen.
" 158, Mason, Dannaker.
" 186, Starkey.
" 187, Fries, Rittenhouse, Wallis.
" 211, Page, Cartwright.

Proxys.

N° 62, Chandler.
" 108, Adams.
" 138, Adams.
" 201, Riley.

Twenty four Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 7½ Oc. P. M.

On motion made and Seconded the following brethren were admitted as visitors to wit

Charles Gillou, Lodge N° 2, Banj[a] M. Wright, Christian Neram, Richard Leach, Lodge N° 3, Andrew Hinckle, N° 19, D. A. Davis, M. A. Van Collin, 71, E. A. Mason, No. 108, Nathan Levering, N° 158, William Holmes, N° 211, William Walmsley, N° 361, England.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication March 6[th], 1843, A. L. 5843, were read and adopted.

The following petition from Lodge N°. 197 at Carlisle, was read and on motion referred to the Elective Grand Officers, viz:

Carlisle, Pa., May 3[d], 1843, A. L. 5843.

At an adjourned meeting of Masonic brethren met at the room of Bro. Jacob Rehrer willing to resusitate Cumberland Star Lodge, N°. 197, Bro. Willis Foulk was appointed chairman & Henry Ebaugh, Sec[y]. the following brethren present, viz: Jacob Squires, Willis Foulke, J. Rehrer, Abraham Hindell, J. Snyder, Michael Sanno, Michael P. Ege, Martin Cornman, Stewart Moore, Samuel Cropp, Jacob Baughman and Henry Ebaugh.

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When on motion it was resolved, that this meeting go into an Election for Officers to fill the Stations of said Lodge.

Whereupon, Bro. Jacob Squires was duly Elected Worshipful Master; Bro. Jacob Baughman, Senior Warden; Bro. M. G. Ege, J. W.; Bro. Samuel Elliott, Secy. & Bro. John Snyder, Treasurer.

When on motion it was resolved, that a petition be sent to the Grand Lodge forthwith praying for a renewal of warrant No. 197 for Cumberland Star Lodge, (as follows:)

We the undersigned being citizens of Carlisle and its vicinity and master masons in good standing, and not members at this time of any other Lodge petition the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Penna. and its Masonic Jurisdiction to permit us to enter upon the present Warrant of Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197, and to reopen and reconstitute the same, and to use Furniture, Jewels, appendages of the same for all Masonic purposes as heretofore used as such, and further more we petition that all dues and charges against said Lodge may be remitted up to this renewal of our warrant, and that the R. W. Grand Master will install the officers aforesaid, &c. This petition being Granted your petitioners shall ever pray, &c.

Signed.

G. Rehrer.	Jacob Squires.
Stewart Moore.	Henry Ebaugh.
John Main.	J. P. Lyne.
Michael Sanno.	Jacob Baughman.
John Snyder.	W. Foulk.
Samuel Crop.	Thomas C. Miller.
Martin Cornman.	Michael G. Ege.
	Saml. Elliott.

The following petition was received, read and on motion, Seconded, was referred to the Elective Grand Officers, viz:

Wm. H. Adams, R. W. Grand Secy. of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

Dr. Sir,

George Washington Lodge, No. 143, located at Chambersburg, Penna., was dissolved by a surrender of its Charter held under the Grand Lodge of the State in Decr., 1831 at its last meeting held in Decr. 16th, 1831, the following minute was made.

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"A Committee was then appointed to arrange the Jewels and to make all necessary arrangements with respect to setling the business of this Lodge with the Grand Lodge, Brothers Stevenson, Smith and Flanigan were appointed.

The Lodge was then closed *Sine die.*"

The object of this Communication is to ascertain what disposition shall be made of the Chest of Jewels and Furniture of the G. W. Lodge as well as balance of some thirty or Forty dollars which remained in the hands of the Treasurer at its dissolution, as there is a wish cherished by some of the brethren to resuscitate the Lodge in Chambersburg. I am requested to enquire whether the Grand Lodge would not remit all back Standing dues and authorise the transfer of the furniture & funds of the old Lodge to that of the New, had the brethren an assurance of this favour they might possibly be induced to revive the interests of the order here—if not there is no probability of the establishment of a Lodge ever in Chambersburg. This arrangement would doubtless be approved by all who composed the former Lodge and be advantageous to the Grand Lodge as thereby the order would be perpetuated as well the usual revenue.

Do us the favour to communicate the wishes of the Grand Lodge on the Subject with as little delay as possible.

Very Respectfully Yours,

John Smith.

P. S. The Minutes came into our possession only a short time since is the reason why the matter has been so long delayed.

The following Communication from Lodge N°. 108 at Towanda, Bradford County, was read and referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act, (viz:)

Towanda, Penns^a.

Wm. H. Adams, Esq^r., May 31^st. 1843.

R. W. Grand Secretary,

The undersigned Worshipful Master, Wardens and Officers of Union Lodge, N°. 108, held at Towanda, beg leave respectfully, to represent through you to the Grand Lodge

That in the present condition of this Lodge, a remission of one half of its dues, or more if the Finances of the Grand Lodge will warrant it, would materially benefit this Lodge, and best subserve the cause and interests of Masonry and the

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Grand Lodge, because we are without any room to meet in, except a small one incapable of holding half our number, which we occupy by the courtesy and at the discretion of the County Officers and from which we are temporarily ousted by Juries at every session of our Court. · The payment of half our dues even, will take every dollar which we can make available, for our collections have been made in the uncertain currency of the past two Years, and much of this immediately loaned to members willing to take it at par on time or payable in Mechanical labour and trade. This was the best we could do with our funds, of which we can now avail ourselves, only in finishing & furnishing a Lodge Room which is the object of the remission asked.

The hardness of the times has peculiarly affected this region, where so much is due from the State works, for advances without any prospect of immediate or adequate payment. In consequence the work of the Lodge is unproductive of the means we could reasonably have anticipated to meet our dues, nor can we for a considerable period expect many applicants for membership.

Our great object will be Secured by the application of half our dues to procuring a suitable Lodge Room (for which a worthy Bro. offers the upper story of a Store House) i. e. the Union & Harmony and integrity of the Lodge. Our brethren of Monroeton four miles below Towanda have applied for the revival of Evergreen Lodge N°. 163, formerly held in Towanda. In that event, the brethren of Wysox and Orwell have given notice of a design to reclaim the Warrant of N°. 108 belonging to these places one four miles, the other ten eastward. Towanda then, the residence of a majority of the members, and to which, as county town all the members in the County naturally centre, would be without a Lodge.

From such a state of things the prostration of the fraternity here at least as to the usefulness we deem inevitable. But we have the assurance of all interested, that upon the construction of a suitable Lodge room all will acquisce in the continuance of 108 as the only Lodge which in that event, is deemed Sufficient for the interest as yet of the order in this Country.

Another object very dear to masons here will result. It is designed to fit up a room to answer at once the purpose of this

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Lodge and of a chapter. We have R. A. Masons enough for this purpose and the large number among us wishing to advance in the Chapter, for which we shall apply as soon as we obtain a room, gives promise of a considerable increase of our funds (warranting the assurance we give of a punctual payment of dues hereafter) as well as the promotion of the general interests of Masonry and the increase, we suppose, of the Grand Lodge revenues, from this quarter.

Sir, the hope that the R. W. Grand Lodge will duly consider our Situation and wants and think proper to grant us this indulgence we are as ever R. W. Sir & Bro.

Fraternally Yours,
Saml. Houston, W. M.
G. H. Bull, S. W.
H. S. Salsbury, J. W.

W. Scott, Secy.
J. F. Means, Treasr.

The undersigned members and brethren from Monroton, cheerfully aquisce in the foregoing views, and would in the event of the remission asked, respectfully withdraw their former application referred to.

Signed. William Gosline. Russel Fowler.
G. F. Mason. H. S. Salsburry.
S. S. Hinman. C. A. Hinman.

P. S. Brother Joseph Kingsberry, R. W. D. D. G. M., is now absent from home, or we should furnish his endorsement of these views, which we are assured he entertains, in common with us, in the present aspect of our masonic interests in common with those of the Grand Lodge.

The amount will be immediately remitted on receipt of the action of the R. W. G. Lodge.

Signed. Saml. Houston,
W. M., No. 108.

The following communication was read from Lodge No. 43 at Lancaster and referred to the Grand Officers, viz:

Lancaster, April 24, 1843.

Dr. Sir & Bro.,

Enclosed you will receive the resolutions offered by the Lodge to your body, respectfully representing that there are no funds, and praying that the dues may be remitted, we feel fully determined that the future shall be attended to and the laws most rigidly (in a spirit of charity) carried out to your wishes.

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At a stated meeting of Lodge N°. 43, A. Y. M., held at their Hall on Wednesday evening, April 12th. 1843, on motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Officers of this Lodge be a Committee to confer with the Grand Lodge for the purpose of having the dues of this Lodge remitted.

On Motion of Bro. Brown, Bro. William Barger was unanimously elected our representative in the Grand Lodge and the Secretary was directed to inform him of such Election.

Signed. G. B. Kerfoot,
W. Master.

Attest: John Fisher,
Secretary

The following report from the Trustees of the Girard Bequest was read, and accepted and the resolutions accompanying the same were on motion duly seconded, adopted, (viz:)

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Penns[a].

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report,

That The Fund now amounts to Twenty Eight Thousand Five hundred & fifty four Dollars and fifty seven cents ($28.554.57) according to the Market price of the Securities in which it is invested.

The Trustees hold the following Stocks in which the trust fund has been from time to time invested.

The one hundred & two shares of the Capital Stock of the Farmers & Mechanics Bank, on which the greatest loss has been sustained, were part of the bequest of our deceased Bro. Stephen Girard, and were transferred by his executors to the former board of Trustees in part payment of the legacy.

List of the Stocks, &c., &c., held by the Trustees, to wit:

102	Shares Farmers and M. Bk. Stock, value $32,	$ 3,264.00
3	" Kensington Bk. "30,	" 90.00
146	do. Masonic Loans 6 pr. ct., . . .	"14,600.00
60	do. do. 5 pr. ct., . . .	" 6,000.00
1	certificate Masonic Debt, ...	" 3,964.16
1	do. 5 per ct. Loan of the State of Penns[a]. N°. 861 pr. $776.32 present value, .	" 380.40
1	certificate of 6 p. ct. Stock of the State of Penns[a]. N°. 1542 rec[d]. pr. Dividend due Aug[t]. 1[st], 1842, ...	" 19.41

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Cash in F. & M. Bank, ...			236.60
		Dollars	$28,554.57

Total Amount of fund June 1st. 1843.

Since the first of June, A. L. 5841, the Trustees have invested the Sum of Three Thousand Seven hundred seventy nine Dollars and Thirty four Cents ($3779.34) in the following securities, to wit:

5841, June 1st.	One certificate Masonic Loan,	$	100.00
5842, Augt. 2d.	Certificate No. 861 pr. 776\frac{22}{100}$ 5 p. ct. Stock of the State of Penns^{a} cost 80$, . . .	"	623.00
" Octor. 5th.	Ten Shares of the Fourth Masonic Loan of Febv. 27th/21, Certificates from No. 188 to 197 both inclusive, . . .	"	1,015.67
" Octor. 5th.	Ten Shares of the 5 p. ct. Masonic Loan of 1825 Certificates No. 41, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 116, . .	"	1,015.67
5843. May 31	Ten Shares of the Masonic Loan of 1825 Certificates No 3, 4, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20 & 181, ...	"	1,025.00
			$3,779.34

The cash for the above investments was derived from the following sources, to wit:

Cash in Farmers and M. Bk. pr. last report, .		$	723.02
5841, Nov. 30.	Dividend on 102 Shares of F. and M. Bk. Stock, . .	"	127.50
5842, Sept. 13.	Interest on Masonic Loans due Janv. & July 1841 & January & July, 1842, . .	"	1,974.00
5843, April 28.	Interest on Masonic Loans due Janv. 1st. 1843, . . .	"	558.
5843, May 12.	Interest on Certificate of debt due by the G. L. of $3964.16 two Years and six Months to Janv. 1st. 1843 @ 6 p. ct.,	"	594.60

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5843, June	1st.	Dividend on certificate of 5 p. ct. Loan of the Comh. of Pennsa. No. 861 pr. $776.32 due Febv. 1/42 and Febv. 1st, 1843, $19.41 Ea., . .	$ 38.82
		Dollars	$4,015.94
		Invested by Trustees, . .	"3,779.34
		Cash in F. & M. Bank June 1st, 1843, .	$ 236.60

The Trustees beg leave to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to that portion of the trust fund invested in Bank Stock, and would respectfully suggest that they be authorized to sell the same if in their opinion expedient and invest the proceeds in the Masonic Loans, or Mortgages on the property of the Grand Lodge or some other safe and productive securities. The present market price of the Stock is believed to be its full intrinsic value, and it has yielded no dividend since 1841.

The trustees would further report that agreeably to the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of the 24th March, A. L. 5840, the Certificates of Stock, &c., held by them were deposited in an Iron Safe. That on opening it some weeks since they found the certificates and papers almost totally Destroy'd by dampness and mould. The Trustees had them removed and dried with great care and as little injury as possible. The certificates are some of them now in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and some of them in the hands of one of the Trustees. It is believed that the Iron Safe will be perfectly secure in the room occupied by the Grand Secretary and Sufficiently dry in that place to prevent further injury to the certificates and papers belonging to the Trust.

The trustees would therefore respectfully offer the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Grand Bequest be, and they are hereby authorized if & when they deem it expedient so to do, to sell the Bank Stock belonging to the said Trust, and invest the proceeds thereof, when and as sold, from time to time in the Masonic Loans, or Mortgages on the property of the Grand Lodges or in some other safe and productive Securities.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Girard bequest be, and they are hereby authorized to keep the Iron Safe containing

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the certificates and papers belonging to the Girard Bequest, in the room occupied by the Grand Secretary in the Hall in South Third Street. All which is respectfully Submitted.

Signed. B. Newcomb. Enos S. Gandy.
Trustees S. Badger. Alex^r. Diamond.
G. B. Sam^l. H. Perkins.

The following communication was read from Columbia Lodge, N^o. 91, and on Motion duly seconded permission was granted, "to wit:"

Extract from the Minutes of Columbia Lodge N^o. 91.
April 24^th. 1843.

Resolved, That the Secretary make application to the Grand Lodge for a Warrant to hold an Election for Junior Warden. Bro. Joseph Siddons having declined acting in that Office after being Elected.

Whereupon, the Secretary of Said Lodge prays the Grand Lodge to grant permission to Columbia Lodge, N^o. 91 to hold an Election for Junior Warden at their next Stated Meeting.

Respectfully & fraternally,
Thomas S. Manning,
June 5^th. 1843. Sec^y. of Col^a. Lodge, N^o. 91.

The following communication was received, read and the Second resolution referred to the Committee on By Laws, to wit:

Philad^a., June 5^th. 1843, A. L. 5843.

Sir & Bro.

At a Stated meeting of Phil^a. Lodge, N^o. 72, the following resolutions on motion Seconded, were unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That Bro. Henry Benner who has been suspended for some time past for non payment of dues be reinstated as a Member of this Lodge.

Resolved, That after this date any member of this Lodge being absent or about to be absent from this City, on giving written notice thereof to this Lodge shall be placed on half dues during such absence.

Fraternally Yours,
Bro. W^m. H. Adams, W. Clinton,
Grand Sec^y. Sec^y. N^o. 72.

The following communication was received, read and referred to the Committee on By Laws, "viz:"

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To C. Stevenson, Esq^{r}. Grand Master of Masons of the State of Penns^{a}. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

Dear Sir and Bro.

At a Stated Meeing of Concordia Lodge, N^{o}. 67, held March 10, 1843, the following alteration to our By Laws was adopted and the Secretary directed to forward a Copy of the same to the Grand Lodge for its approval.

Resolved, that Article XI of our By Laws be amended so that all members who have paid fifty cents per Month for five or more successive years shall be entitled to Life Membership on the payment of Fifteen dollars in one sum.

Extracted from the minutes of Concordia Lodge N^{o}. 67.

Robert Hutchinson,
Sec^{y}. of N^{o}. 67.

A Copy of the By Laws of Lodge N^{o}. 2 with alterations & amendments was received and referred to the Committee on By Laws.

The following report from the Committee of Finance was read & adopted, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance respectfully report a statement of the receipts and payments by the Grand Treasurer for and on account of the Grand Lodge for the Quarter ending on the 31st of March, 1843.

Receipts.

For	Lodge & Chapter dues, &c., . .	$916.15	
"	Rent of Lower rooms, . . .	50.00	
"	Grand Lodge certificates, . .	37.00	
"	Chestnut St. Hall Rents, &c., .	1,471.70	$2,475.22

Payments.

For	Gas 3rd Street, ...	$ 99.09	
"	Upholstery, ...	" 30.57	
"	Regalia, ...	" 42.00	
"	Repairs & chest, ...	" 15.06	$ 186.72
"	Gas Chestnut Street, . . .	$207.15	
"	Current Expenses do., . . .	94.56	
"	Commissions on revenue, . .	103.75	

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For Coal, ...	14.62	
" Policy of Insurance Alteration, .	2.00	
" Water Rent, ...	15.00	$437.08
" Interest paid to Loan holders, ...		$940.19
" Salaries G. Treasurer, ...		" 50.00
" Grand Secretary, ...		"200.00
" " Tyler, ...		" 40.50
		$1854.49
Amount of receipts exceeding payments, . .		620.73
Balance of cash Jan^{y}. 1st. 1843, . .	$2236.43	
do. do. March 31 " . .	"2857.16	$620.73

Signed. George Smith, George D. Haswell, A. E. Dougherty, } Committee.

The following report from the Committee of Grand Officers was read and adopted, to Wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Penns^{a}.

The undersigned a Committee to whom was referred the petition of James Wilson asking the Grand Lodge to restore him to his former standing among Masons, &c.

Respectfully report,

That James Wilson was suspended from George Washington Lodge, N^{o}. 143, in 1826, for non payment of dues. He appealed to the Grand Lodge (a Committee was appointed and after a careful and very troublesome examination they reported him in debt to the Lodge nine dollars.)

Which amount the applicant has not satisfied the committee as having paid.

The committee therefore respectfully request to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

Signed. C. Stevenson,

Phil., June 5th. 1843. W^{m}. H. Adams, Committee.

The following Report from the Committee on By Laws was read and adopted, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Penns^{a}.

The undersigned committee on By Laws respectfully report,

That they have carefully examined the By Laws of Lodge N^{o}. 9 and find nothing in them to correct they therefore offer the following.

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Resolved,

That the By Laws submitted by Lodge N°. 9 be approved.
Phil., June 5th, 1843.

Signed. Alva Mason,
Wm. H. Adams, Comee.

The following report from the Committee of Grand Officers was read and on motion duly Seconded, the addresses were referred to a Committee of Three Past Grand Officers to examine the same and to have them Printed and each member of the Grand Lodge furnished with a copy.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Past Grand Masters Samuel H. Perkins, Jn°. M. Read and Saml. Badger the Committee, "to wit:"

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsa.

The Grand Officers a Committee appointed to wait upon P. G. M. Bror. Joseph R. Chandler and procure from him the addresses delivered to the Subordinate Lodges during his Grand Visitation and his Valedictory delivd. on the 27th of December last, respectfully Report,

That they have now in their possession, subject to such disposal as the Grand Lodge may make of the same, Twelve addreses delivered by P. G. Master Joseph R. Chandler during his term of Office as Grand Master.

Signed. C. Stevenson, G. M. John Thomson, G. T.
Wm. Barger, D. G. M. Wm. H. Adams, G. S.
James Page, S. G. W.

Phil., June 5th, 1843.

The following Communication was received, read and on motion duly Seconded, the whole subject was referred to the Elective Grand Officers viz:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Pennsa.
Wm. H. Adams, R. W. G. S. of the G. Lodge,
Dear Sir and Brother,

The undersigned having been a member of the Masonic Fraternity for upwards of nineteen years and previous to removing to this place, was a member of Montgomery Lodge, N°. 19, Philada., begs leave most respectfully to represent that he has been expelled from Perseverance Lodge, N°. 21, Harrisburg, upon the plea of "unmasonic conduct" which in the belief of the undersigned, is not founded in fact, but proceeds from a

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disposition to persecute for opinions sake rather than from a desire to carry out the benevolent principles of the Masonic order. The following are some of the circumstances connected with this unpleasant affair.

During the contest for State Printer the undersigned was called upon by Jessee Horton, a senator from Northumberland County, who he had once met in Lodge N°. 21 as a visitor, and who asked the undersigned, under the obligation of a M. Mason whether he had entered into a corrupt arrangement with S. D. Patterson and John B. Bratton to secure the publick printing. The undersigned promptly replied that he had entered into no improper arrangement with the above Gentlemen. The only understanding that the undersigned had with Mess^rs. Bratton & Patterson was to protect his interests from being sacrifised by a combination on the part of the executive and his friends, to prevent the undersigned from being elected State printer, this the undersigned believes to be one of the principal Charges alleged against him upon the deposition of said Horton, and is used as a Justification on the part of the Lodge for expulsion. The undersigned was notified to appear before said Lodge to answer the charge of "unmasonic conduct" but believing it to have grown out of the circumstances above narrated, and the notice being informal not having the Seal of the Lodge attached the original of which is here appended the undersigned declined obeying said summons, under the solemn conviction that the Lodge had no power to call the undersigned to an acct. for a conversation that may have taken place between him and any Member of the legislature.

The undersigned most earnestly protests against this unwarrantable attempt to deprive him of his rights as a M. Mason, and most humbly prays that the Grand Lodge will appoint a committee to investigate the whole transaction and restore the undersigned to his just and lawful rights as a Master Mason.

Due notice has been given to the Worshipful Master of Lodge N°. 21 that this communication has been made to the Grand Lodge.

Very respectfully
I remain your Bro^r.,
Signed. J. M. G. Lescure.

Harrisburg,
May 26^th. 1843.

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The following is a Copy of the notice above alluded to.

Perseverance Lodge, N°. 21.
Harrisburg, May 10th. 1843.

Bro. J. M. G. Lescure,

You are requested to meet the Brethren of Perseverance Lodge, N°. 21, at their Hall, N°. 88 North Second Street, this evening at 7 o'clock P. M. Charges are preferred against you for unmasonic conduct, in having represented to brother Masons upon your masonic obligations and as a mason things to be true, which at the time knew were not true and afterwards acknowledged were not so, of which the committee appointed in the case have made report thereof to the Lodge.

You are therefore summoned to attend to answer Said Charges in the matter whereof you are concerned.

By order of the W. M.

Henry Beader,
Secretary.

The following communication was read, when on motion duly Seconded, the Elective Grand Officers together with Past Grand Officers Bros. Jn°. M. Read, Saml. H. Perkins and Joseph R. Chandler were appointed a Committee to examine the Book referred to in the communication.

To the R. Worshipful Cornelius Stevenson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction belonging.

The petition of the Subscribers respectfully represents.

That they are members of the fraternity and are about publishing a work to be stiled the Freemasons Monitor somewhat similar to the works issued by Brothers Webb and Cross and which have received the sanction of the Grand Lodges of Connecticut & Rhode Island as also of the general Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States.

By the established rules of the Ahiman Rezon the sanction of the Worshipful Grand Lodge should be obtained before its publication.

The Subscribers beg leave to State that the compilation of the Freemasons Monitor has been under the supervision of Brother Z. A. Davis, whose Masonic Zeal is a pledge that nothing is contained in the publication which may not be committed

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to paper, they however submit the proof to the Secretary of your honourable body, and if approved to receive your sanction.

And as in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed. Desilver & Muier

Phil., 5 June, 1843.

The following Communication was read, and on motion duly made and Seconded, the prayer of the Petitioner was granted, viz:

The petition of the Subscriber respectfully Sheweth that he was a member of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 127, in good standing at the time the said Lodge was Dissolved which was in the year of 1823, and at the time was indebted the amount of Ten dollars. The petitioner prays the Grand Lodge to remit the same and restore him to the Priviledges of Masonry.

Phil., June 5, 1843. Signed. Enock Cummings.

Bro. Joseph R. Chandler, P. G. Master, read the following Preamble and Resolution which on motion duly made and seconded, was adopted, "to wit:"

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania have learned with pleasure that the Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri have purchased a valuable property with design to establish a College, an Academy and primary schools, for the education of Such pupils as may be able to pay for their tuition, and particularly for the gratuitous education of needy, orphan children of deceased members of the Masonic fraternity.

And whereas our brethren in Missouri are still in debt to the amount of about six thousand dollars for a property worth $60.000 which will be lost to them and the cause of education in the great west, if their debt cannot be discharged, Therefore

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$ recommend to all Free and accepted Masons under their Jurisdiction to aid their brethren the Rev$^{d.}$ E. Stiles Ely, D. D., one of the Grand Chaplains of this Grand Lodge and the Rev$^{d.}$ Hiram Chamberlain, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, by their contributions and influence in collecting a sum sufficient to free the Masonic college & schools of Missouri from their present indebtedness and thereby establish a most benevolent and important Institution which will do incalculable good and redound to the honour of Masonry throughout our Country.

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General Returns were received from the following Lodges read and ordered to be filed.

N°. 22, Held at Sunbury. Containing neither Suspensions or Expulsions.

N°. 60, Held at Brownsville, Fayette Co., Pa., No Suspensions or Expulsions.

N°. 148, Held at Northumberland. Containing the rejection of L. D. L—. No Suspensions or Expulsions.

N°. 201, held at Mauch Chunck. Containing the rejection of M— M—. No Suspensions or Expulsions.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at a ¼ to 10 oc., P. M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 4, A. D. 1843, A. L. 5843.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Brother	C. Stevenson,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	William Barger,	"	Dep$^{y.}$ " "
"	James Page,	"	Sen$^{r.}$ " Warden.
"	John Bradley,	"	Jun$^{r.}$ " " P. T.
"	John Thomson,	"	Grand Treasurer.
"	William H. Adams,	"	" Secretary.
"	Constant Gillou,	"	Dep$^{y.}$ " "
"	William Whitney,	"	S$^{r.}$ G$^{d.}$ Deacon.
"	A. Bournonville,	"	Jr. " Deacon.
"	John H. Markland,	"	Marshall.
"	Jn°. J. Kerr,	"	Chaplain.
"	Thomas B. Florance,	"	Pursuivant.
"	Sam$^{l.}$ H. Perkins,	P. G.	Master.

Lodges Represented.	Names of Brethren.
N° 2,	Gillou, Desilver.
" 3,	M^{c}Culloch, Page, Webb, Florence, Carlin, Moore.
" 9,	Knight, Robinson.
" 19,	Bradley, Smith, Thornly, Mackey, Griscom.
" 51,	Markland, Thomson, Whitney, Bouvier.
" 52,	Patton.

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N° 59, Adams, Garrett, Davenport.
" 67, Simpson, Smith, Baugh.
" 71, Goodman, Myers, Hyneman.
" 72, Alter, Barger, Williams, Stevenson, Thomson, West, Coleman.
" 91, Parkins, Leidy.
" 115, Shultz, Anderson.
" 125, Bournonville.
" 130, Sleeper.
" 155, Flick.
" 186, White.
" 187, Rittenhouse.
" 211, Page.

Proxys.
108, Adams.
138, Adams.

Twenty Lodges being represented the R. W. Grand Lodge opened in ample form at half past seven o'clock.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication (June 6th) were read and adopted.

A petition was read from a number of Ancient York Masons, praying for a Warrant, to hold a Lodge in Honesdale, Wayne County, Penna. to be called Honesdale Lodge, and named Brother John J. Allen as the first Worshipful Master; Daniel O. Skinner, Senior Warden, & Richard Lancaster, Junior Warden of the same. Which petition being duly recommended agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge it was on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved,

That the petition be referred to the R. W. Grand Master and Grand Secretary with power to act.

The following Letter from District Deputy Grand Master Brother Joseph Kingsberry was read, viz:

Sheshequin, 8th July, 1843.

Wm. H. Adams, Esqr.,
G. Secy. R. W. G. L. of Pa.
Dear Sir & Bro.,

I have to inform the R. W. G. L. of some of the opperations in Lodge N°. 108, which they might consider erroneous although done through ignorance of some late rules of the Grand

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Lodge. This Lodge has been in the practice of Passing proper candidates to the degree of Mark M. masons, claiming so to do from the authority given in their warrant from the Grand Lodge.

Since my appointment as a D. D. Grand Master I never have been furnished with the Ahiman Rezon, and must confess that I did not understand some of the Rules and regulations of the R. W. G. L. and consequently my duty. Lodge N°. 108 were never furnished with the Ahiman Rezon pulished in 1825. The W. M. of this Lodge has lately purchased this book for his own use. Bro. Ira H. Stevens is also the owner of it, recently purchased, and I have it now in my possession and from an examination of its contents, I have discovered the Errors we have committed by giving the degree of a M. M. Mason.

But before making the enquiry about correcting these mistakes, I would respectfully ask leave to call the attention of the R. W. G. L. to a seeming contradiction between the warrants granted to Subordinate Lodges, and the giving up by the G. Lodge, what was clearly and absolutely their right—the Jurisdiction of Masonry at least to the H. R. A. degree & that inclusive. The warrant to Subordinate Lodges authorise such Lodges to admit and make freemasons according to the most ancient and honourable custom of the Royal craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world, and not otherwise.

If I have not been wrongly instructed in the history of Masonry: the ancient and honourable custom of the Craft would allow all regularly constituted Lodges to give all the primary *degrees* in Masonry—of course including the H. R. A. degree. But it appears by the late edition of the Ahiman Rezon, that subsequently to giving this authority to the subordinate lodges the R. W. Grand Lodge have given it away, ostensibly, at least a *second time*. But whether they could do so, *virtually and really*, may be questioned by some of the Subordinate Lodges, who had *the prior gift*, and never forfeited the Conditions upon which the gift was founded. For myself I must frankly say, that I doubt whether such a course could be justly taken by the Grand Lodge, without it being admitted by all masons that every Grand Lodge is a Masonic despotism. As one of this order I must be allowed to say, that I am too much of a republican to admit this and continue a member in the order of Freemasonry.

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I am well aware that the primary rules and regulations of freemasonry were established by a Monarch, *but he was a wise one* and I presume instituted nothing but was necessary for the State of Society at the time they were founded, under a republican government and in the present State of Society the government of Freemasonry, in my humble opinion, to be prosperous, should conform as near as possible, and not infringe on the *tests* and *land marks* of the order, to the government in which the members reside as legal Citizens. Therefore, not only as I understand the nature of the ancient government of the Craft, conforming in principle measurably, with the government, under or within which the order is located, but from the rights inherently belonging to all men. I am *constrained to believe,* that certain rights, or powers given from a Superior to an inferior body of men, cannot rightfully be reclaimed without a forfeiture of some of the conditions in the gift, or by the consent of the lesser party, to abandon the right thus given, I have denominated the authority in the Warrant to a Subordinate Lodge *a gift.* It is not strictly such however, *for it is a fact* that this authority was in part at least, *paid for.* This will strengthen my position on acct. of the wrong that might be done, in curtailing, the powers given in the original grants to the Subordinate Lodges without their consent.

But notwithstanding the remarks before made, I must be permitted to say that I am fully convinced of the propriety of deviding the government of freemasonry between a G. Lodge *proper* and a *Grand Chapter* instituted for the purpose by the consent of the G. Lodge. I am clearly of the opinion that such a division of power, would greatly promote the prosperity of the craft—My anxiety only is, to have it consumated in a way so as not to disturb the harmony that ought to subsist between the R. W. G. L. and the Subordinate lodges.

And when done, that measure be taken to have it properly understood, which has not been the case (in this quarter at least) with respect to *what has been done* on the subject—The R. W. G. L. will therefore permit me respectfully, to suggest a plan by which all matters in relation to this particular subject in the government of freemasonry—may be clearly defined, and so definite as to be clearly understood—The plan is this let the Grand Lodge pass a resolution stating in a preamble the

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reasons for so doing directing new warrants to be made out for all the Lodges in operation under its Jurisdiction, confining the authority of the Subordinate lodges to such degrees as the G. L. have jurisdiction over. When these new warrants are made out, cause them to be forwarded to the subordinate lodges, preserving their rank from the date of the old Warrant, at the same time requesting all the Subordinate Lodges to return to the G. L. their old Warrants. I do not believe there is a Subordinate Lodge in the State that would hesitate, a moment to comply with such a rule. I am strengthened in this belief not only from my experience in the work of such Subordinate Lodges as I have visited in my long acquaintance with Masonry —having found that Such Lodges had enough to do at their regular communications, within the bounds of reasonable hours, to confer the degrees now belonging to the G. L. to grant warrants to confer—but from a belief that all (or at least a great majority) of Masons are desirous of promoting the good of the craft, and that they will have confidence in the R. W. G. L. That they would not adopt a measure of this kind unless they were convinced it would have a tendency to promote the good of masonry.

These views and considerations I humbly submit to the R. W. G. L., not in a spirit of presumption and arrogance, but solely from a high sense of duty, and a Strong love for freemasonry, were an apology necessary for the liberty I have taken, I could offer none, but my rank in the order, my age, and long standing as a mason, having been such for Forty nine Years within about a month.

I must now beg leave to return to the extra work in Lodge No. 108 and enquire how it *is to be reconciled* with the authority committed to the Grand Chapter. If a plan such or similar to the one I have suggested be adopted it is possible the G. C. may sanction this work and legalize the proceedings in referance to those who have already Passed to the degree of M. M. Masons —having their names forwarded for recording in the records of the Grand Chapter the Members of Lodge No. 108 altho ignorant that the R. W. Grand Lodge had transferred any of their legal authority to another body of Freemasons, will entertain no fears about the legality of their proceedings in confering the Mark Masters degree, as their authority for so doing

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was granted anterior to the Establishment of the Grand Chapter —they will nevertheless cheerfully conform to any proper rules & regulations of the R. W. G. L. and the Grand Chapter, when such rules and regulations to be so arranged as to do away the apparent confliction which now subsists between the two governments.

I reside Ten miles from the place where the Lodge is held, consequently cannot always make it convenient to attend the regular communications of the Lodge. I shall either go to the next regular communication of the Lodge or write to the W. M. on the subject mentioned in this Letter.

With great respect and fraternal Consideration for the R. W. G. Lodge and respectful fraternal regard to Yourself, I remain their and

Your obt. Servt.,
Joseph Kingsberry,
D. D. G. Master.

On motion made and seconded, it was resolved, that the Grand Secretary Communicate to brother Joseph Kingsberry what powers there are which were by the Grand Lodge transferred to the Grand Chapter.

The following communication was read, when on motion Seconded, it was referred back to the Lodge with power to act, viz:

Reading, Augt. 14, 1843.

Bro. Wm. H. Adams,
R. W. G. Secy. of the Grd. Lodge of Pennsa.
Dr. Sir & Bro.,

The following persons being rejected upon application for initiation and Membership are again desirous (being of good standing and the difficulties being amicably settled) of Petitioning Lodge No. 62 for the same, as it is necessary to have the vote of the Grand Lodge upon the subject you will please submit the same before said body and report the same to me, viz: Jacob W. Seetzinger, Levan Mannerback.

Yours fraternally,
J. L. Stichter,
D. D. G. Master.

The Report of the Committee on Finance was read and accepted, viz:

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To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

The Committee of Finance respectfully report a Statement of the receipts & payments by the R. W. Grand Treasurer for the Quarter ending June 30[th], 1843, viz:

Receipts.

From Chestnut St. Hall, ...	844.75	
" Hall Com[e]. for Rent, ...	37.50	
" Dues, Rent, &c., ...	676.10	
" Dispensations, ...	34.62	$1592.97

Payments.

For Int. to Trustees Girard Bequest, . .		1152.60	
" " " Ex. J. C. Fishers on Bond, .		200.00	
Expenses Chestnut St. Hall, viz:			
Gas bill, ...	95.43		
Current expenses, ...	49.30		
Commissions on Receipts, . .	63.31	208.04	
Expenses Masonic Hall 3[rd] St.			
Gas bill, ...	80.13		
Water Rent, ...	10.00		
Repairs, ...	4.50		
Do., ...	13.75		
G. Treasurers Salary, . . .	50.00		
" Secretarys Do., . . .	200.00		
" Tylers Do., &c., . . .	40.50		
Advertising, ...	5.50	404.38	$1965.02
Payments Exceeding receipts, ...			$ 372.05
Bal. due by G. Treasurer April 1, 1843, . . .			$2857.16
" " " " " June 30, " . . .			"2485.11
			$ 372.05

Phil., Aug[t]. 31, 1843.

Signed. Ge[o]. Smith,
Ge[o]. D. Haswell,
Alex. E. Dougherty,
Com[e]. of Finance.

The following report from the Committee of Grand Officers was read and adopted, viz: To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

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The Grand Officers a committee to whom was referred a communication from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 108 at Towanda, Bradford County, asking a remission of one half of their dues to the Grand Lodge on Dec$^{r.}$ 27th last.

Respectfully Report: That after taking into consideration the Peculiar Situation of Lodge No. 108 unanimously agreed to accept their offer and receive from them one hundred and nineteen dollars & fifty cents in full for their dues up to December last, and the Grand Secretary was directed to notify them to that effect. And on August the 30th the Grand Treasurer received the amount agreed upon.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed.	Jn$^{o.}$ Thomson.	C. Stevenson.
	W$^{m.}$ H. Adams.	W$^{m.}$ Barger.
Phila., Sept. 4^{th,} 1843.		J. Page.

The following Report was also read and accepted—and the resolution appended thereto adopted, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Penns$^{a.}$

The undersigned a Committee appointed to examine a work styled the Freemasons Monitor.

Beg leave respectfully to Report, That they held a meeting and after carefully considering the Subject unanimously adopted the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, that in the opinion of this Committee publications in relation to Masonry are inexpedient and that they therefore decline examining the book referred to in resolution of June 5^{th,} 1843.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed.	James Page.	C. Stevenson.
	W$^{m.}$ H. Adams.	W$^{m.}$ Barger.
Phil., Sept$^{r.}$ 4^{th,} 1843.	Jn$^{o.}$ Thomson.	S. H. Perkins.

Communications were received from the following Grand Lodges, viz:

G. L. of Texas, Maryland, Indiana, Rhode Island. Also the proceedings of the National Masonic Convention held at Baltimore, M$^{d.,}$ May, 1843, A. L. 5843.

Which on motion were referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

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The following report was read and accepted and the resolution adopted, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Penns[a.]

The Grand Officers a Committee to whom was referred a communication from Lodge N[o.] 43 at Lancaster asking for the remission of their dues up to December last,

Respectfully Report: That they believe subjects of this nature properly belong to the Committee on Finance to whom until lately they have been invariably referred, therfore beg leave respectfully to offer the following Resolution, Resolved,

That the Communication from Lodge N[o.] 43 at Lancaster, be referred to the Committee of Finance.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. Jn[o.] Thomson. C. Stevenson.
W[m.] H. Adams. W[m.] Barger.
James Page.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master addressed the Grand Lodge and reported as follows:

Brethren,

I beg leave to inform you that on Monday the 21[st] day of August last in Company with the Officers of the Grand Lodge, I visited Pulaski Lodge, N[o.] 216, at Pottsville, Schuylkill County, and delivered to them a short address. The Grand Secretary having previously examined the record of their proceedings and made report of the same. It affords me great pleasure to say that we were very cordially received and the brethren expressed themselves highly gratified with our visit and assured us of their sincere attachment to masonry in general and to this Grand Lodge in particular and that they would endeavour at all times to conform to its requisitions and advice.

When on motion of Past Grand Master Samuel H. Perkins and duly Seconded, it was unanimously Resolved, That the Grand Master be requested to present to the Grand Secretary a Copy of the address delivered to the Pulaski Lodge, in order that the same may be spread upon the minutes of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at a quarter to 9 Oc. P. M. to meet on Monday, October 16[th.]

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 16th, A. D. 1843, A. L. 5843.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Brother	C. Stevenson,	R. W. G. Master.
"	Wm. Barger,	" "D. " "
"	James Page,	" "Sr." Warden.
"	Peter Fritz,	" "Jr." "
"	John Thomson,	" " Gr. Treasurer.
"	Wm. H. Adams,	" " " Secy.
"	G. G. Westcott,	" "D. " "
"	Wm. Whitney,	" "Sr." Deacon.
"	John Bradley,	" "Jr." "
"	John J. Kerr,	" " " Chaplain.
"	Alexr. Quinton,	" " " Marshall.
"	Jacob Steiner,	" " Sword Bearer.
"	T. B. Florence,	" " Pursuivant.
"	Joseph R. Chandler,	P. G. M.
"	Samuel H. Perkins,	P. G. M.

Lodges Represented.	Names of Brethren.
No 2,	Gillou.
" 3,	Page, Thomson, Florence, Orr, Moore, McKaraher.
" 9,	Dorsey.
" 19,	Bradley, Mackey.
" 51,	Thomson, Bouvier, Whitney.
" 52,	Long, Goodman, Patton.
" 59,	Scott, Adams, Garrett.
" 67,	Baugh, Simpson, Hamilton, Reese, Baker, Smith.
" 71,	Frismuth, Myers, Hineman.
" 72,	Barger, Stevenson, Alter, Coleman, Williams, Thompson.
" 91,	Nagle, Perkins, Quinton.
" 114,	Coburn.
" 115,	Shultz.
" 125,	Leffman.
" 130,	Westcott, Chandler, Lescure.
" 155,	Fritz, Jackson.
" 158,	Connell.
" 187,	Fries.

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N° 211, Page, Dorlan, Cartwright.
Proxys.
N° 62, Chandler, 108, Adams, & 138, Adams.

Twenty two Lodges being represented the R. W. Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at half past 6 Oc. P. M.

On Motion duly made and Seconded the following brethren were admitted as Visitors, viz:

James E. Richardson, N° 2, —— Stoneberger, N° 71.

The Committee on By Laws made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on By Laws respectfully report, that they have carefully examined and approved of the amendments and alterations asked for by Lodge N°. 2 to their By Laws and recommend their adoption.

Respectfully Submitted.

Phil., October 4, 1843. Wm. H. Adams,
James Hutchinson, Committee.

The Committee on By Laws made the following report, which was read and the Resolution adopted, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on By Laws to whom was referred an alteration in the By Laws of Lodge N°. 72, viz:

"That after this date any member of this Lodge being absent or about to be absent from the City on giving written notice thereof to this Lodge shall be placed on half dues during such absence."

Respectfully report the following Resolution for the consideration of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the amendment to the By Laws of Lodge N°. 72 above alluded to be and the same is hereby Sanctioned and approved.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. Wm. H. Adams,
Phil., Oct^r. 4, 1843. James Hutchinson,
Committee.

The following report was also received from the Committee on By Laws and the Resolution adopted, viz:

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To the R. W. Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

The Committee on By Laws to whom was referred an alteration in the By Laws of Lodge No. 67, viz:

That all Members who have paid fifty cents per Month for five or more Successive Years shall be entitled to life Membership on the payment of Fifteen dollars in one sum.

Respectfully report the following resolution for the consideration of the R. W. G. Lodge.

Resolved, That the alteration in the By Laws of Lodge No. 67 above alluded to be and the same is hereby Sanctioned and approved.

Respectfully Submitted.

Phil., Oct. 4, 1843. Signed. W. H. Adams,
James Hutchinson,
Committee.

The following report from the Committee of Grand Officers was read and accepted and the Resolution adopted, viz:

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned to whom was referred the petition of a number of brethren to reenter upon the Warrant, Jewels, &c., of Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197, at Carlisle, and to reopen the same.

Respectfully Report: That the duty has been attended to and on the 8th of July, 1843, the R. W. Grand Master Issued his dispensation to proceed and to reorganize the Said Lodge and on the 25th day of Sept[r]. the Grand Secretary received returns, shewing the revival and reorganization of Cumberland Star Lodge, N[o]. 197, at Carlisle on July 19th, 1843 with Seventeen Members Officers Included.

Your Committee offer the following resolution, Resolved, That the proceeding be approved and the Committee discharged.

Signed. Peter Fritz, C. Stevenson,
John Thomson, W[m]. Barger,
W[m]. H. Adams, James Page,
Committee.

Phil., Oct. 16, 1843.

A Communication was read from Lodge No. 45, at Pittsburg, dated Sept[r]. 1843, Respectfully requesting the Grand Lodge to release and discharge the said Lodge from all debts and dues owing on S[t]. Johns Day in December last—promising that upon their request being granted a compliance in future with the

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rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, which on Motion duly made and Seconded, was referred to the Committee of Finance with power to act.

The following communication from Lodge No. 43, at Lancaster, was read and ordered to be filed, "viz:"

Lancaster, October 12, 1843.

R. W. G. Secy.

Dr. Sir & Bro.,

At a stated meeting of Lodge No. 43, held at their Hall last evening a ballot was held for J— N—, labourer of this City and J— S—, Innkeeper of Millers Town, Lan. Co., applicants for initiation and Membership. Upon examining the ballots it was found that they were rejected.

Very respectfy.

J. H. Brown, Secy. P. T.

The following report was received, read and adopted.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Officers of the Grand Lodge to whom was referred the Memorial and appeal of Brother J. M. G. Lescure of Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, at Harrisburg, respectfully Report,

That the said Brother protests against the action of Lodge No. 21, in the premises and claims the interferance of the Grand Lodge on two grounds.

First, that he was not guilty of Such conduct as made him liable to the Masonic action of the Lodge.

And Second, That he had no Summons which he was bound Masonically to notice, and his Expulsion was therefore unjustifiable and contrary to Masonic usage.

Thus appealed to by the Complaining brother and called upon to settle a question as to Form, the decision upon the Second point being in his favour all enquiry into the merits of the case is rendered unnecessary, and the Committee refrain from examining the same, or expressing any opinion thereon.

By the records of the Lodge it appears that charges of unmasonic conduct were made against the brother at a stated meeting held on the 13th of April, 1843, and a committee appointed by resolution to investigate the facts after giving him notice, take testimony and make report of their proceedings and the testimony taken to a special Meeting to be held that night two weeks. At the special meeting which was held on the 25th of

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April, 1843, the Committee reported that they had notified Brother Lescure under date of the 15th to attend before them on the Saturday evening following, the 22nd of April, at the Lodge Room at 7 Oc, P. M. as at that time they would proceed under their appointment to enquire into the truth of the charges preferred against him, which notice was sent to Bro. Lescure by the Tyler, and served upon him the day of its date. This committee further reported, that Bro. Lescure did not attend at the time and place as notified, and that they proceeded to take testimony, which testimony accompanied their report, at this meeting the further consideration of the report was on motion of a brother, fixed for the next stated meeting the evening of the 15th of May, and the Secretary directed to give brother Lescure Special Notice that he would then be herd in explanation and in defence of said charges.

The notice given by the Secretary is as follows:

Perseverance Lodge, No. 21,
Harrisburg, May 10th, 1843.

Bro. J. M. G. Lescure,

You are requested to meet the brethren of Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, at their Hall No. 88 North 2nd Street, this Evening at 7 Oc., P. M.—Charges are preferred against you for unmasonic conduct in having represented to brother Masons upon your Masonic obligations and as a Mason things to be true, which at the time knew were not true, and afterwards acknowledged were not so, of which the Committee appointed in the case have made report thereof to the Lodge.

You are therefore summoned to attend to answer said charges in the matter whereof you are concerned.

By order of the W. M.

Signed. Henry Beader, Secy.

At the stated meeting in May this Matter was called up, when the Secretary reported that he had given notice as above set forth to Bro. Lescure. That brother was not present, but sent in his resignation which the W. M. very properly declined receiving in the then Stage of the enquiry when after reading the preamble, Resolutions and charges, the report of the Committee and Testimony taken brother Lescure was upon motion made and Seconded, Expelled for Unmasonic conduct and contempteous Treatment of the Lodge.

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The penalty of Expulsion from the Masonic body is the severest known to the practice of the order. The disgrace which ensues is widely spread and as lasting as time, when such consequences result from its infliction, nothing short of the cleanest proof of error and of guilt, and a stern sense of Justice should induce an appeal to its power. While a hope of reclaimation remains, an erring brother should have the door left open for his return, it should only be closed upon him when all admonition has failed and hope itself ceased to exist—and when closed, every brother should take care that it is done in a masonic Spirit and according to masonic form, in a masonic Spirit because personal prejudices and resentments should never be permitted to operate at the ballot box —in a Masonic form, so that right may be done according to the land Marks of the order and the banished brother feel that no part of its rules has been violated, that Justice swayed in all and crowned the whole.

That brother Lescure received notice is not denied by him, but he objects that he did not receive Masonic notice and here the Committee agree with him, the objection may be looked upon as technical if such term can be known to Masonry. Still he is entitled to the benefit of it. Nor can the Committee deny it to him, for to yield here would be to introduce a precedent that might be hurtful hereafter.

The Masonic Institution, Substantially one of charity, is strengthened by Forms, these constitute the chain which has kept it together in times past, and must continue to keep it in all time to come let but one link be broken and who can tell how far that chain may be unravelled. The duty of a brother to attend the Summons of his Lodge is not denied nor can a mason having a proper sense of such duty fail to obey it— What constitutes that Summons is another question and here the Committee wish to be explicit.

The Master of a Lodge cannot, of his own motion Summon a brother. This must be done by the action of the Lodge itself upon a motion made Seconded & adopted. What is the evidence of such action? A copy of the resolution under the Seal of the Lodge, signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary. This is the true Masonic evidence a Summons, so prepared and

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duly Served would be a regular Summons. Here the Lodge had a seal but it was not attached nor does it appear from the notice served by the Secy. and signed by him alone, that he referred to any resolution of the Lodge calling upon Brother Lescure to appear before it. Indeed from a careful examination of their report, it does not appear that any such resolution in form was passed, and without it there could not have been any regular Masonic Summons served upon the brother. The Lodge in the opinion of the Committee on the report of its Committee of investigation, should have adopted a resolution, Summoning the brother to appear at a certain time before that Committee or the Lodge, caused a Copy of the same signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary under the Seal of the Lodge to be served upon the brother, and on proof of such service and the brother failing to appear, to have proceeded to his expulsion.

All this may be looked upon as Form but it is form, having deliberation and Justice in view, it is intended to give opportunity to the accused to explain, modify, defend or Justify as his case requires. As in a criminal proceeding the forms of Law are never overlooked, however gross may be the crimes of the offender so in Masonic action, the rules of the Craft should be scrupulously observed, deeply committed as a brother may have been in his violations of the duties of the order better far better in every case, that the offending party should escape than that fixed and settled principles should be made to yield, that he might be punished and disgraced.

The Committee observe too, that while the original Charges against the brother were for Unmasonic conduct, the resolution for expelling him States, "That his contempteous treatment of the Lodge" Subsequently to the presentations of those charges, is one of the causes of his expulsion, of this the brother certainly had no notice, as will appear from a perusal of the Secy's. Communication. The Lodge therefore expelled him for an act which was not regularly made a charge against him by any brother and which he had no opportunity of explaining away, and in this particular were certainly wrong, admitting that they had observed every form in regard to the original accusations and proceedings thereon.

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The Committee therefore offer the following Resolutions.

Resolved, That the proceedings of Lodge No. 21, of Harrisburg, so far as regards the Expulsion of Brother Lescure be and the same are hereby set aside and annulled, it appearing upon the face of the record of the said Lodge, and by production of the notice, to which exception has been taken by the said brother, that he was not summoned to appear, answer and defend the charges preferred against him, according to masonic usage and custom, and the Landmarks of the order.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish a copy of the report of the Committee and the resolutions attached thereto duly authenticated to Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, at Harrisburg.

Respectfully Submitted.

C. Stevenson, G. M. John Thomson, G. T.
Wm. Barger, D. G. M. Wm. H. Adams, G. S.
James Page, S. G. W.

Phil., Octor. 16th, 1843.

On Motion of T. B. Florence & duly Seconded, it was resolved, that the Grand Secretary furnish the Subordinate Lodges with an abstract of the above report.

The following communication from Lodge No. 158 was read and referred to the Committee on By Laws, viz:

Extract from the Minutes of Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158.

Stated Meeting 7th March, 1843. Resolved that the 12th Article of the By Laws, be referred back to the Grand Lodge for their reconsideration.

Signed. N. McKinley, Secy. 158.

The following was offered by P. G. M. Bro. J. R. Chandler and adopted, viz:

That the resolution of the Grand Lodge of December 18th, A. L. 5837, is to be regarded as recommending to the subordinate Lodges not to admit to Masonry any individual for a less sum than $25, but it was not intended to interfere with the rights of the Lodges to fix the time of payment.

The Trustees of the Charity Fund made the following report and offered the resolution thereto appended which report was adopted, and the resolution laid on the table, viz:

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To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Trustees of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge beg leave to present a statement of the Funds committed to their care, viz:

17 Certificates Masonic Loan, ...	$1700.00
3 " " Debt, ...	"1428.68
11 Shares S. Loan Valued, $8, ...	88.00
Dividend rec$^{d.}$ on the ab. shares, ...	18.15
Cash in Hands of J. Jones Treas$^{r.}$, ...	248.67
	$3483.50
There will be Int. due on the 1st of Jan$^{y.}$ next on Masonic Loans & certificates of Debt, . . .	359.14
Amt. of Fund Jan$^{y.}$ 1, 1844, ...	$3842.64

The Trustees still hold the property in Chester but it has yielded nothing since last report.

In the year 1821, Dec$^{r.}$ 17, this charity committee was formed consisting of Five Members who were to be appointed on the Anniversary of S$^{t.}$ John the Evangelist. That on the 2nd of March, 1840, the title of this committee was changed to that of Trustees of the Charity Fund, whose duty it was to receive such sums of money as might be paid into their hands for the purpose of Charity—

It was also their duty to apply once a year to every Lodge and Chapter in this City and request donations and make appeals to the charitable dispositions of Individual Masons. It was also their duty to lay before the Grand Lodge at every Quarterly Communication the Treas$^{r.}$ account of all monies received and disbursed, no relief was to be granted by the said committee but upon the petition of an ancient York Mason or the Mother, Sister, Widow or Children of an ancient York Mason, and recommended by at least two Members of some Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, also that a preference should always be given by the Committee to the petition of a member of some Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge & his relations as above described.

Appeals were made by the Committee as directed and contributions received up to August 11^{th,} 1829, amounting to about $1700, but no charity had been as yet distributed when by a wise determination of the Charity Committee Sanctioned

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by the Officers of the Grand Lodge, no distribution could be made from this Fund until it had accumulated to the sum of Two Thousand Dollars which sum was not to be impaired but the Interest only to be distributed.

To your committee it appears as if the original intention of the doners to this Fund had been lost sight—of for a number of Years as the Fund will be on the 1st of January next $3756.94—and that the noblest object of our institution may in a measure be carried out, and the Subordinate Lodges partially relieved from the many calls made upon them for Charity many of whom are not able to give relief in consequence of their dues to the Grand Lodge, and yet many of them in their days of prosperity contributed liberally to this Fund.

Your Committee (Trustees) would therefore respectfully offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That any interest on the above Fund accruing after the first of January next be appropriated for the purpose of Charity, but if the whole of the Interest so accruing be not called for then the Interest remaining to be added to the said Fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. Jacob Alter,
Jn°. Jones,
Richd. Mackey.

The Grand Secretary Stated that he had received from Bro. Cornelius Stevenson, R. W. Grand Master, a Copy of the address delivered at the Grand Visitation in August last to Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, at Pottsville.

When on motion duly made and Seconded, the address was read and is as follows, "to wit:"

Brethren, accompanied by the Grand Officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsa., I have this night paid you a visit.

I am fully aware of the great importance of these visits and of the essential advantages that often result to the Subordinate Lodges thereby, and although the Grand Master may feel a strong desire, and the same feeling may prevade the bosom of each and all of the Grand Officers, to make periodical visits to the country Lodges, yet it cannot be expected from them, unless on very extraordinary occasions & indeed not even then, in consequence of the many difficulties that intervene.

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I presume it is hardly necessary for me to state to you what these difficulties are, for most assuredly you must know, that the very limited resources of the Grand Lodge will not admit of the expenses being defrayed out of its Coffer, and the Situation of the Country Lodges particularly at this time, being (with but very few exceptions) unable to discharge their just dues to the Grand Lodge, render it out of the question that they should be expected to defray them, and besides the very great inconvenience that would result to the Grand Officers in neglecting their usual avocations. and leaving their families all combine to prevent it.

Brethren, permit me in this our visit to greet you with the salutations of brotherly affection, and to implore the Supreme Grand Master of the universe to bless and prosper you in all your labours, and to aid and encourage you in all your works of charity and love.

It is to be regretted that the Country Lodges owing to the distance they are from the City are deprived from enjoying more frequent communication with the Grand Lodge and with the Subordinate Lodges that meet in the City of Philad^{a}. with the G. Lodge especially, because they would thereby become better acquainted with the pecuniary condition and liabilities under which we are labouring, in consequence of the Grand Lodge having been obliged to take back the Hall in Chestnut Street, the advantageous Sale of which for the sum of One hundred and Ten Thousand five hundred & fifty Dollars, we had fondly hoped would have relieved us entirely from debt, and have placed us in such a situation that the most remote Lodge under our jurisdiction would have felt most sensibly its benign influence, and they would also by more frequent intercourse with us be enabled to see, aye and to feel too, the absolute necessity there is for the Subordinate Lodges being more prompt and punctual in the discharge of their dues to the Grand Lodge. For I verily believe that the Stability, nay the very existance of our order depend in a great measure upon the proper maintenance of our integrity and keeping inviolate our plited faith—and how is it to be expected that the G. L. can meet punctually as she ought at all times to do, her engagements with her public creditors if the Subordinate Lodges the members of her own family prove recreant and faithless to

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her. You will excuse me brethren for I feel it my duty to be thus plain with you allow me briefly to state to you our situation.

The permanent debt of the Grand Lodge at the present time is Seventy Seven thousand nine hundred Dollars and eighty two cents pressing like an incubus upon us, the interest on which is Four thousand six hundred and seventy four dollars, and the unavoidable current expenses, viz: Repairs, Taxes, Water rents, Gas Lights, Fuel, &c., averaging yearly two Thousand dollars, this added to the interest on the permanent Debt make the sum Six thousand six hundred and Seventy four Dollars which the Grand Lodge has annually to provide, and if we take into consideration the progressive increase of Taxes, the State Tax alone being this year fifty per cent higher than the last, we cannot I think estimate the annual expenses of the Grand Lodge at a less sum than Seven thousand Dollars, all of which if we except about Five hundred Dollars received from the Country Lodges is defrayed by the City Lodges alone, this is our situation at present, and gloomy enough it is.

I candidly admit my brethren, that the picture I have been exhibiting to you has rather a sombre appearance, but it is nevertheless true, true to the life. But may we not hope for better things; me thinks I hear an affirmative response. The darkest hour precedes the day, and I think I can see already the eastern Horizon radiant with golden tints bright harbinger of an auspicious day.

I have my brethren been exhibiting to you only the dark side of the picture, but there is an other side, and I thank God a brighter one, let me now present that to you.

And first, The Grand Lodge owns all that spacious Building the Old Masonic Hall and large lot of Ground on which the same is erected situate on the north side of Chestnut Street between Delaware Seventh and Eighth Streets being one of the most eligible and valuable spots in the City of Philad^{a}. and though at present producing but a small income, rather less than two Thousand Dollars per annum, yet I think the day is not far distant when we shall be able to dispose of it upon nearly if not quite as good terms as we did a few years ago.

Secondly, we own all that commodious Building and lot of Ground Situate on the West side of Delaware Third Street,

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between Walnut and Spruce Streets, at present occupied by the Grand and Subordinate City Lodges, the cost of which including alterations and repairs was $33.000.

Thirdly, The Bequest of our lato Brother Stephen Girard now amounting to $28.554.

Fourthly, A Charity Fund arising from the voluntary contributions of several of the City Lodges & individual Members amounting to $35.000.

And lastly a sinking Fund Amounting to $6400.

Thus if we place the Chestnut property at the price we took it back say, ...	$85.000
The Third St. property at 25 per ct. less than cost,	"22.500
The Girard Bequest, ...	"28.554
" " Lodge Charity Fund, ...	3.500
And the Sinking Fund, ...	6.400
We have an aggregate of Real & personal Estate,	$145.954.00
From which deduct our permanent debt of, .	77.900.00
A clear Estate Real & Personal of, . . .	$ 68.054.00

And in addition to this with great pleasure I can inform you that there is evidently an increasing interest manifested for our order, throughout the length and bredth of our land, many of our City Lodges are increasing both in numbers and respectability, and several of the Country Lodges that had entirely suspended and surrendered up their warrants, have applied for permission to resume their labours, and in some parts of the Country petitions have been, or are about to be presented to the Grand Lodge for Warrants to constitute new Lodges all these things are truly encouraging and afford cause of congratulation.

This my Brethren I trust I have shewn to you a side of the picture with brighter colours than the one previously exhibited and much more gratifying to behold.

And again the dark Clouds of antimasonry which have for so long a time lowered over, and almost totally obscured, the Masonic Horizon and indeed at one time wore so awful and portentous an aspect as to threaten our total destruction is now happily passing away—those gloomy mists of ignorance and superstition are fast dispersing before the refulgent light of reason and truth—Truth is mighty and will prevail let us then

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continue fearlessly and faithfully to pursue the even tenour of our way treading in that regular path in which our Fathers trod, turning neither to the right nor to the left, but marching steadily in our course with reason and truth for our guide, supported by Justice and with Faith, Hope and Charity as auxiliaries, we may confidently expect to come off conquerers and more than conquerers.

Permit me Brethren to recommend to you the expediency of improving the leisure hours that so frequently occur in a Lodge Room for the Master or some other competent Brother to deliver occasionally Lectures on the Several degrees in Masonry thereby keeping alive the Masonic flame and enabling the Younger Members of the craft to glean much that would be of lasting benefit to them and by these means prevent the bright light of Masonry from ever becoming dim.

Allow me brethren to suggest to you the necessity and great importance there is for the Officers and all who aspire to the chair to use their best endeavours to become expert workmen, in each and every degree, and at all times to keep steadfastly in view & adhere strictly to the ancient land marks of the order, and that all should conduct themselves in such a manner, when out of the Lodge, and in their intercourse and dealings with their fellow Man as not to bring disgrace and odium upon the Masonic Character and never, never brethren allow to be admitted into the Masonic Temple an unworthy Member of society or one whose moral character is not entirely free from reproach. The cause, may I not be permitted to say, of nearly if not quite all the evils that has ever occurred to Masonry, been in a great measure owing to the very neglectful and loose manner in which the Masonic portal has been guarded.

Remember my brethren that our Institution is no common one; it is an institution founded upon the purest principles of the greatest of all lights, the first great light of Masonry, the Holy Bible, a light by which with the eye of Faith, we shall be enabled to see the Wisdom, Harmony and beauty of our order in its greatest perfection and the principles of which if properly adhered to and carried out, would place us in that elevated Rank and station in society where we ought to be and of right belong. Then would it be considered a high privilege and a

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great honour to be enrolled among the members; then would we realize the full fruition of those true pleasures which spring from an approving conscience and then would we receive and enjoy those blessings which earth can neither give nor take away.

Let each one then in his proper Sphere, from the entered Apprentice up to the Past Master, strive to bring himself under the influence of those principles, and then and not till then may we expect to see inscribed in Characters of Gold over the Portals of our Beautiful Temple "Holiness to the Lord" and receive the aid and protection of our Supreme Grand Master, and when it shall be his will and pleasure to call us off from labour in the Lodge below may we, one and all, enjoy a confident hope that he will admit us to the ineffable degree of Most excellent Masters in the celestial Grand Lodge above there to receive from his hands pleasure which shall know no alloy and be lasting as eternity.

Communications were received from the following Grand Lodges.

New Hampshire, New York, Kentuckey. All of which on motion were referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

Bro. Jn°. Thomson offered the following which was on motion ordered to be laid upon the Table until the next Quarterly Communication, "viz:"

Whereas, It has been the Custom for some years past of the Subordinate Lodges under this Jurisdiction to transact all their ordinary business in an E. A. Lodge, as questions are frequently started therein and arguments entered into, which are improper to discuss in any other than a Lodge of Master Masons therefore be it Resolved,

That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that all Subordinate Lodges under this Jurisdiction should hold their meetings & transact all business, except the conferring of the lower degrees, lecturing thereon & Election for Officers in a Lodge of Master Masons.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at half past 8 oclock, P. M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 4th, 1843, A. L. 5843.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. C. Stevenson,	R. W. Grand Master.
" Wm. Barger,	" " Dep$^{y.}$ " "
" James Page,	" " Sr. " Warden.
" Peter Fritz,	" " Jr. " "
" John Thomson,	" " " Treasr.
" Wm. H. Adams,	" " " Secretary.
" Wm. W. Smith,	" " Dep$^{y.}$ " "
" Wm. Whitney,	Sr. " Deacon.
" A. Bournonville,	Jr. " "
" Jacob Steiner,	Grand Sword Bearer.
" John H. Markland,	" Marshall.
" T. B. Florence,	" Pursuivant.
" Jos. R. Chandler,	P. G. Master.

Proxey.

"	Wm. Barger	for Lodge N° 43
"	Jos R. Chandler	" 62
"	Wm H. Adams	" 82, 108, & 138.

Lodges Represented.	Names of Brethren.
N°. 2,	Desilver.
" 3,	King, Orr, Page, McCulloch, Martin, McKaraher, Carlin, Dodson, Florence, Skerritt, Desilver, Colladay, Thomson, Loughead, Carter.
" 9,	Knight, Stone, Dorsey.
" 19,	Haswell, Griscom, Childs, Bradly, Smith.
" 51,	Thomson, Whitney, Israel, Markland, Bender, Steele, Nisbet.
" 52,	Long, High, Goodman, Clement, Crow, Thomas.
" 59,	Garrett, Adams, Kneass, Scott, Smith, Dickson, Gandy, Shumway, Campbell.
" 67,	Wagner, Simpson, Deckline, Hamilton, Weeks, Smith, Reese, Baugh.
" 71,	M. Hyneman, Frismuth, Myers.
" 72,	Stevenson, Barger, Alter, Molan, Williams, Willig, Clinton, Thomson, West.

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N°. 91, Manning, Mitchell, Neagle, Quinton, Leidy.
" 114, Barrett, Krider, Beck, Thomson, Coburn, Spackman.
" 115, Shultz, Humes, Dougherty, Diamond.
" 121, Prevost.
" 125, Bournonville, Zeigler, Deobuley, Stevens, Leffman, Hahnlen, Buehler, Schmidt, Scheida, Wollenweber.
" 130, M^cGrath, Moody, Logue, Westcott, Flanigan, Lescure, Sleeper, Chandler.
" 155, Flick, Fritz, Dohnert, Bacon, Allen, Chambers.
" 158, Ewing, Cooper, Oliver, Roberts, Mason, Moore.
" 186, White, Barrington, Smith, Starkey.
" 187, Fries, Knight, Hickey.
" 211, Page, Cartwright, Homes, Illingsworth.

Twenty six Lodges being represented the R. W. Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at half past 6 O'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication September 4^th, 1843, also the Minutes of the Adjourned Communication October 16^th, 1843 were severally read and Adopted.

The following Communication was received and read, "viz:"

To Brother William Barger a Past Master Mason and a Member of Lodge No. 72 under the Jurisdiction of the Right Worshipfull Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

At a Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 43, held at Lancaster on the Twelfth day of April, 1843, A. L. 5843, you were appointed the representative of this Lodge in the said R. W. Grand Lodge.

Witness our hands and the seal of the Lodge this Thirteenth day of October, A. D. 1843, A. L. 5843.

Attest: Signed. G. B. Kerfoot, W. M.

John Fisher, Sec^y.

On motion duly made and seconded, Bro. William Barger was recognized as the Proxy of Lodge No. 43, at Lancaster, Pa.

The following communication was received and read, viz:

To Bro. William H. Adams a Past Master Mason of Washington Lodge, No. 59, under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

At a Stated Meeting of Milford Lodge, No. 82, held at Milford on the 7^th day of November, A. D. 1843, A. L. 5843, you were appointed to Represent this Lodge in the said R. W. Grand Lodge.

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Witness our hand and the seal of the Lodge this 7th day of November, 1843.

Signed. Daniel Burrell, W. M.

Attest: Oscar H. Mott, Secy.

On Mon. duly made & Seconded, Bro. Wm. H. Adams was recognized as the proxy of Lodge No. 82, at Milford.

A Copy of the By Laws of Lodge No. 45, at Pittsburg, were received and referred to the Committee on By Laws.

The following Communication was received, read and referred to the Grand Master & G. Secretary with power to act, viz:

And now to wit on this Seventh day of October, A. D. 1843, A. L. 5843, The Members of Lodge No. 61, at Wilkesbarre, convened and constituted a Lodge by Electing Andrew Beamont, W. M.; Bro. Henry Petibone, S. W.; Bro. John Turner, Jr. W.; Hesekiah Paisons, Treasr., & Bro. Henry Colt, Secretary, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Members of the said Lodge so constituted do petition the Grand Lodge of Penna. at Phila. to Authorize the undersigned Members of Lodge No. 61, at Wilkes-barre to reenter upon their former Warrant, Furniture and Jewels.

And we, the undersigned members of said Lodge, being Master Masons do petition the Grand Lodge accordingly, and respectfully pray that we may be reinstated as a Lodge and that all arrearages of Grand Lodge or other dues may be remitted. And as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

Signed.	James Barnes.	A. Beaumont.
	F. Thomas.	Henry Petibone.
	B. A. Bidlack.	John Turner.
	L. C. Kidder.	H. Parsons.
	Henry Colt.	Isaac Bowman.
		Thomas Davidge.

The following Report was read and Adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned a Committee to whom was referred the petition of a number of brethren praying for a Charter to hold a Lodge at Honesdale, Wayne County, Penna.

Respectfully Report: That being satisfied the petitioners were true and worthy brethren, a charter was granted, and a dispensation was Issued by the R. W. Grand Master on the 22nd

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day of September, to proceed and constitute the New Lodge to be called Honesdale Lodge, No. 218, &c.

And on the Sixth day of Novr. the Grand Secretary received returns shewing that on the 26th day of October, 1843, A. L. 5843, the New Lodge was opened and constituted and the Officers Installed agreeably to ancient usage and form.

Your Committee offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the proceedings be approved and the Committee discharged.

Signed. C. Stevenson,
William H. Adams,
Committee.

Philada., Decr. 4th. 1843.

The following Resolution offered by Bro. John Thomson on the 16th of October was called up for consideration and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that all Subordinate Lodges under this Jurisdiction, should hold their Meetings and transact all business, except the conferring the lower degrees, Lecturing thereon and Election for Officers, in a Lodge of Master Masons.

When on motion duly made and Seconded, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish to each Subordinate Lodge a copy of the above Resolution.

This being the Evening appointed by the Rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge, for the Election of its Officers the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. George Smith, James Hickey, G. D. Haswell & C. C. Williams, Tellers.

The R. W. Grand Lodge then went into a ballot when the following officers were unanimously Elected, Viz:

Bro.	William Barger,	R. W. Grand Master, Bro. C. Stevenson having previously declined a Reelection.	
"	James Page,	R. W. Depy. Grand Master.	
"	Peter Fritz,	" " Sr.	" Warden.
"	William Whitney,	" " Jr.	" do.
"	John Thomson,	" "	" Treasurer.
"	William H. Adams,	" "	" Secretary, and
Bros.	Samuel H. Perkins,		
"	Enos S. Gandy,		
"	Alexander Diamond,		

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Bros. Base Newcomb,
" Samuel Badger,
Trustees of the Girard Bequest.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past 9 Oclk. P. M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

St. John's Day, PHILADELPHIA,
Monday, December 27th, 1843, A. L. 5843.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication.

Present:

Brother	Cornelius Stevenson,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	William Barger,	"	Dep$^{y.}$ " "
"	James Page,	"	Sen$^{r.}$ " Warden.
"	Peter Fritz,	"	Jun$^{r.}$ " "
"	John Thomson,	"	" Treasurer.
"	William H. Adams,	"	" Secretary.
"	William W. Smith,	"	Dep$^{y.}$ " "
"	Rev$^{d.}$ O. Douglass, Van Pelt & Burrows,	"	" Chaplains.
"	William Whitney,	"	S$^{r.}$ " Deacon.
"	R. R. Moore,	"	J$^{r.}$ " "
"	J. H. Markland,	"	" Marshall.
"	J. Steiner,	"	" Sword Bearer.
"	Tho$^{s.}$ B. Florence,	"	" Pursuivant.
"	Joseph R. Chandler,	"	Past G. Master.

Lodges Represented.	Names of Brethren.
No. 3,	Skerrit, King, Moore, Florence, Desilver, M^{c}Karaher, M^{c}Culloch.
" 9,	Dorsey.
" 19,	Griscom, Mackey, Park.
" 51,	Markland, Thomson, Whitney, Bouvier.
" 52,	Long, Goodman.
" 59,	Adams, Storm, Dickson, Smith, Scott.
" 67,	Simpson, Jones, Reese, Smith.
" 71,	Moses Hineman.
" 72,	Barger, Coleman, Stevenson, Molan, Thomson, Speering.

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No. 91, Manning.
" 114, Spackman, Kelly, Thomson, Baxter, Krider.
" 115, Anderson.
" 125, Hahnlen, Steiner, Bournonville, Zeigler.
" 130, Lescure, McGrath, Sleeper, Easby, Moody, Westcott, Chandler.
" 155, Flick.
" 186, Smith, Barrington.
" 187, Fries, Wallace, Knight.
" 211, Page, Illingsworth, Cartwright, Dorlan.
Proxeys Adams, for No. 82, 108, 138.
Barger " " 43.
Chandler " " 62.

Twenty three Lodges being Represented the R. W. Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at quarter past Ten Oclk in the Morning.

So much of the Minutes of December 4th as relates to the Election of Officers was then read, and those present who were not Past Masters having withdrawn, the following Grand Officers Elect, were severally installed into their respective Offices, in ancient and solemn form, and being duly proclaimed they received the Cordial and accustomed Salutations of the Brethren, to wit:

Bro. William Barger, R. W. Grand Master.
" James Page, " " Depy. G. Master.

Whereupon the Brethren who had withdrawn were readmitted and the following Grand Officers Elect were then Severally Installed into their respective Offices in Ancient & solemn form and being duly proclaimed they received the cordial & accustomed Salutations of the Brethren, to wit:

Bro. Peter Fritz, R. W. Grand Sr. Warden.
" William Whitney, R. W. Jr. Grand Warden.
" John Thomson, " Grand Treasurer.
" William H. Adams, " " Secretary.

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to Make the following Appointments, viz:

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Bro. Joseph Kingsberry of Sheshequin, Bradford County, for the Counties of Bradford, Tioga, Luzerne and Susquehanna.

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Bro. Robert Moderwell of the City of Lancaster, for the County of Lancaster.
" William B. Potts of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co^y. for the County of Schuylkill.
" Joseph L. Stichter of Reading, for the County of Berks.
" Christian P. Gummert of Brownsville, for the Counties of Fayette and Greene.
" James M. Porter of Easton, for the Counties of Lehigh, Northampton & Pike.
" John Birmingham of Pittsburg, for the County of Allegheny.
" Benjamin Parke of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin & Lebanon.
" Charles G. Donnell of Sunbury, for the Counties of Union, Northumberland and Columbia.

Grand Chaplains.

Rev^d. Bro. John Chambers.
" " Peter Van Pelt.
" " John B. Clemson.
" " Orson Douglass.
" " John J. Kerr.
" " John L. Burrows.
" " Henry W. Ducachet.
" " Ezra Stiles Ely.
" " Samuel Aston.

Grand Deacons.

Bro. A. Bournonville, S^r. G. D., Bro. J. H. Markland, J^r. G. D.

Grand Stewards.

Bro. Lambert Keating and Bro. Jn^o. J. Krider.
Bro. Thomas B. Florence, Grand Marshall.
" Jacob Steiner, Grand Sword Bearer.
" C. C. Williams, " Pursuivant.
" Charles Schnider, " Tyler.

Trustees of the Charity Fund.

Bro. Jacob Alter. Bro. John Allen.
" Richard Mackey. " Tobias Buehler.
" Samuel Wonderly.

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Committee of Finance.

Bro. George Smith. Bro. Geo. D. Haswell.
" Alexr. E. Dougherty. " G. G. Westcott.
" J. S. Zorns.

Committee of Correspondence.

Bro. A. M. Prevost. Bro. J. A. Phillips.
" James Gowen.

Committee on By Laws.

Bro. Jno. M. Read. Bro. William H. Adams.
" James Hutchinson.

Committee to Examine the transactions of the last year and Select for Publication.

Bro. E. W. Keyser. Bro. Samuel Davis.
Bro. John Goodman.

Hall Committee.

Bro. Charles McKaraher. Bro. Jno. C. Smith.
Bro. Robert Patton.

The R. W. Grand Secretary appointed Bro. Wm. W. Smith Deputy Grand Secretary.

The following preamble and Resolutions were offered by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master Bro. James Page and duly Seconded by Past Grand Master Bro. Jos. R. Chandler and were unanimously adopted, viz:

While Masonry has at all times regarded the Services of her children as part of what she may rightly demand—she has never lost sight of the duty which the exercise of that right devolves upon her of acknowledging the usefulness of that service, and thus making the expression of her gratitude a part of the honours which she bestows upon her deserving Officers.

And whereas an opportunity for an acknowledgement of services received is best presented at the end of an official term therefore resolved that

This R. W. Grand Lodge acknowledge the Official Services of Bro. Cornelius Stevenson as R. W. Grand Master, and tender to him its hearty thanks for the Courtesy, firmness & Fraternal affection with which he discharged the duties of that Station from which he this day retires at his own request.

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Resolved, That the Elective Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge be a Committee to convey to the R. W. Past Grand Master Stevenson these resolutions of the Grand Lodge with the Cordial wishes of the brethren for his continued health and Happiness.

Hall of the G. L. of Penns[a].
Festival of S[t]. John the Evangelist.

Dec[r]. 27, A. D. 1843, A. L. 5843.

The following report from the Committee of Finance was read and on motion duly made and Seconded was adopted, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance respectfully report a statement of the receipts and payments by the Grand Treasurer for the third quarter of the present year ending September 30[th]. 1843, viz:

Receipts.

For Third St. Hall Rent, .	$100		
" Chestnut " Hall " .	"620.67	$720.67	
" Lodge Dues, &c., . .	"693.78		
" New Warrant, . . .	" 81.00		
" Dispensations, . . .	" 23.00	"797.78	$1518.45

Payments.

For Int. on Loans, ...		$892.56	
" Expenses Third St. Hall, viz:			
" Gas, ...	$ 60.19		
" Repairs, Brushes, &c., .	" 9.25		
" Taxes, ...	"186.00		
" Printing, ...	" 19.34		
" Discount on uncurrent notes,	2.40	277.18	
" Salarys, Grand Secretary,	$200.		
" " Treasurer,	50.		
" " Tyler,	42.25	292.25	
" Expenses Chestnut Street Hall.			
Current Expense & Repairs,	56.65		
Commissions on Rent, . .	39.97		
Gas, ...	40.90		
Taxes, ...	620.00	757.52	$2219.51

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Amount of Payments Exceeding receipts, . .		$701.06
Cash balance June 30th, 1843, . . .	$2485.11	
" " Sept. 30th, 1843, . . .	"1784.05	$701.06

The following report was received, read and adopted, "to wit:"

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

The Committee of Finance Respectfully Report, that they have duly considered the application of Lodge No. 43, at Lancaster, asking for a remission of dues which was referred to your committee at the last stated meeting of the Grand Lodge, and are of opinion that said Lodge ought not to be released from their liability for dues to the Grand Lodge.

They therefore submit the following Resolution, Resolved, That it is inexpedient to release Lodge No. 43, at Lancaster, from the debt due by said Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

Phil., Dec[r]. 27th, 1843. Signed. George Smith,
Ge[o]. D. Haswell,
A. E. Dougherty,
Committee.

The following was also received from the Committee of Finance and ordered to be filed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns. The undersigned respectfully submit an estimate of the ordinary receipts and expenditures of the R. W. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, viz:

Estimated Receipts.

Income from Chestnut St. Hall, . .	$4,000	
Lodge Dues & Rent & Chapter Do., .	2,800	
Rent Lower rooms 3rd St. Masonic Hall,	275	$7,075.00

Estimated Payments.

Interest on Loan Certificates & Mortgages, ...	$4,635.00	
Taxes on & Expenses of Chestnut St. Hall, ...	"1,850.00	
Taxes on & Expenses of Third St. Hall,	650.00	
Salaries, ...	"1,169.00	$8,304.00
Estimated amount of ordinary expenditures, exceeding receipts, ...		$1,229,00

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The amount of receipts for the four quarters ending on the 30th of Septr., 1843, was . . .	$7,173.87
And the Amt. of Expenditures for the same period,	8,962.68
Excess of expenditures over receipts, . . .	$1,788.81

Signed. George Smith,
Geo. D. Haswell,
A. E. Dougherty,
Committee.

Communications were received from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Grand Lodge of Connecticut and referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

The Annual Grand Communication closed in Harmony at 15 Minutes before 12 Oc. M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 15th, A. D. 1844, A. L. 5844.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication.

Present:

Brother William Barger,	R. W. G. M.
" James Page,	" " Dep^{y}. G. M.
" Peter Fritz,	" " Sr. G. W.
" John H. Markland,	" " Jr. G. W., P. T.
" John Thomson,	" " G. T.
" William H. Adams,	" " " Secy.
" William W. Smith,	" " Dep^{y}." "
" Thomas B. Florence,	Sr. G. Deacon, P. T.
" John W. McGrath,	Jr. " Deacon, "
" Revd. Van Pelt,	Grand Chaplain.
" Skerrit,	" Marshall.
" Jacob Steiner,	" Sword Bearer.
" C. C. Williams,	" Pursuivant.
" Jos. R. Chandler,	P. G. Masters.
" Samuel H. Perkins,	

Lodges Represented. Names of Brethren.

No 3, Martin, Skerrit, Florence, McCullogh, Heytham, Thomson, Carlin, Page, McKaraher.

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N° 9, Creasy.
" 19, Bradley.
" 51, Thomson, Markland.
" 52, Winters, Patton, Long.
" 59, Adams, Gandy, Davenport, Kneass, Garret, Scott, Smith.
" 67, Hamilton, Simpson, Wagner, Smith, Kouessperger.
" 71, L. Hyneman, Meyer, Golden, M. Hyneman.
" 72, Barger, Speering, Williams, Thomson, West, Alter.
" 91, Henniss, Perkins, Manning.
" 114, Kelly, Coburn, Thomson, Krider.
" 115, Diamond, Shultz, Humes, Archambault.
" 125, Doebeily, Steiner, Aichternacht.
" 130, Westcott, M^cGrath, Lescure, Sleeper, Shultz, Chandler.
" 155, Flick, Fritz, Larrentree, Bacon, Martin.
" 186, White, Fletcher.
" 187, Hilt, Coates.
" 211, Page, Cartwright, Dorlan.

Proxies—Barger for No. 43.
Chandler " " 62.
Adams " " 82, 108, & 138.
Thomson " " 218.

25 Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at a ¼ past 6 O.clk. P. M.

On Motion duly made and Seconded the following brethren were admitted as visitors, viz:

Samuel Robinson	No. 2.	Richard Leachy of N° 3.
R. K. Hodges	" 19.	V. L. Bradford late of No. 91.
R. E. Hacker	" 72.	J. Gumple of No. 155.
F. S. Stoneberger	of 155.	Peter Albright of 187.

A Communication was received from Lodge No. 121, asking permission to hold an election for Worshipful Master and Wardens and to Install the same.

When on Motion duly made and Seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

The following Communication was received and referred to the Grand Master & Grand Secretary with power to act, viz: To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Penns^a.

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The undersigned respectfully Represent that from circumstances well known to the Grand Lodge the labours of Charity Lodge, No. 144, held in the Town of Milton, Northumberland County, has been suspended & that the Furniture and Jewels of Said Lodge have been pretty much lost, we are now anxious to have the Said Lodge removed and the place of Meeting changed from Milton to Lewisburg, Union County, about Four Miles distant from Milton, and we to be empowered to resume the labours of Said Lodge and enter on the Warrant—and such articles of the Furniture as may be found and also to have the back arrearages of Said Lodge if any remitted, we therefore ask authority to reconstitute thereupon the Said Lodge at the place aforesaid promising faithfully to make proper returns hereafter to the Grand Lodge.

We beg leave to nominate Bro. Jackson McFaddin as Worshipful Master; Bro. Amos Witters as Sr. Warden, and Bro. Arnold Duncan Patterson as Jr. Warden.

Signed.

R. McGuigan,	No. 144.	Jackson McFaddin,	No. 144.
A. D. Patterson,		Jos. Hutchinson,	No. 156.
Amos Witter,	" 144.	R. H. Hammond,	No. 144.

The following Circular was read and referred to the Grand Officers, viz:

Richmond, Jany. 5th, 1844.

Worsh. Sir & Bro.,

In compliance with the subjoined resolution of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Virginia, and in strict accordance with what I deem my imperative duty as President of the convention of Grand Lodges assembled in Baltimore in May last, and as Chairman of the Committee on the Trestle Board, I hereby announce to you that the book, published by Bro. Charles W. Moore of Massachusetts and styled the "Masonic Trestle Board," is in no shape, entitled to the confidence of the Fraternity, as pretending to reflect the work as adopted by the Convention; a very superficial comparison of it with the printed proceedings of said convention, will shew the most flagrant departures from its substance, and the most imprudent interpolations of matter and phraseology which have ever appeared in any work professing to be authentic on the subject of Masonry.

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For my views of the reasons or motives which actuated Bro. Moore, in this transaction, I cannot do better than to refer you to my report to the Grand Lodge, and for the Action of Said Grand Lodge on the written part of said report, to the report of the Special Committee on that subject as well as the report of the Grand Working Committee on the verbal part thereof all which is herewith enclosed.

In conclusion, may I urge upon you the propriety of such immediate action in this case as may comport with your views of its importance and if by you deemed expedient to take such steps as may most effectually arrest the further circulation of the book.

With Sentiments of Masonic esteem.

I remain fraternally yours,
John Dove, Prest. of the Convenn.
& Chmn. of the Come.

The following Communication was received and read, viz:

To brother John Thomson a Past Master Mason and Member of Lodge No. 51, under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsa.

At a stated Meeting of Lodge No. 218, held at Honesdale, on the 30th day of November, A. D. 1843, A. L. 5843, You were appointed the representative of this Lodge in the said R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns.

Witness our hands and the seal of the Lodge this 30th day of Novr., A. D. 1843, A. L. 5843.

Signed. Jno. J. Allen, W. M.

[L. S.] Attest:

J. C. Gum, Secy.

On Motion duly made and Seconded, Bro. John Thomson was recognised as the proxey of Lodge No. 218.

A Copy of the By Laws of Lodge No. 218, was received and referred to the Committee of By Laws.

The following Communication from Bro. William B. Potts, D. D. G. Master, was received, read and ordered to be filed, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsa. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

R. W. Sir & Bro.

In presenting my annual report as the District Deputy Grand Master for Schuylkill County I cannot deny myself the

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pleasure of adverting to the prosperous condition of No. 138, held at Orwigsburg—of the 14 Members initiated during the present year there is not one who does not reflect credit upon the order—of the three who have been entered, Past & raised by dispensation in the Same Lodge two have since become Members the third has removed to one of the Western States where I doubt not that the same Zeal for Masonry which he manifested whilst he remained with us, although he is far advanced in years will exert itself in promoting the interests of the Craft in the land which he has chosen as his residence —With regard to N°. 216, Pottsville, I regret to say altho' composed of honourable and intelligent men, there yet appears to be a want of energy in conducting the affairs of the Lodge which has much retarded its prosperity—This is mainly attributable to two causes the pecuniary embarressment under which they labour caused by the improvident investment of their funds in the Stock of the Town Hall which has proved a total loss the Hall having been sold under execution & the stock entirely sunk—The other cause to which I have alluded is the want of active and efficient Officers, the almost constant abscence of the Secretary from their meetings has been productive of great inconvenience by keeping the Minutes & records in a confused and irregular state.

This last is I trust remedied for the Future by the Election of Officers whose Zeal and attention heretofore gives promise that the affairs of that Lodge will be conducted in a manner more conducive to its prosperity.

With regard to the first mentioned I fear it cannot be so easily remedied No. 216 is deeply indebted to the Grand Lodge and Judging from the representations of some of its members, I cannot see in what manner the debt is to be paid and I would earnestly solicit for them from the R. W. G. Lodge all the indulgence which it may be consistant with their inclination to grant—at the same time it is necessary to keep constantly before them and to urge upon them (as I have frequently done) the necessity of their liquidating that debt.

I hope, and believe the visitation of the R. W. Grand Lodge, on the 21st of August last has had a beneficial effect—whilst the lukewarmness of some of the members has been silently

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reproved, the Zeal of others has been aroused to a more active discharge of their duties.

Sincerely &Fraternally,
Yours, &c.,
Wm. B. Potts.

Accompanying the above was received returns for dispensations issued during the Year. Which was also ordered to be filed.

The following report was received, read and ordered to be filed, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

The Hall committee Report that since their last Communication nothing of importance has transpired. They have continued to attend at the Hall weekly for the transaction of business and have the satisfaction to state to the Grand Lodge that they waited upon the County Commissioners and obtained a reduction on the assessment of the Hall $5.000 Dollars on the $20.000 Dollars. The front of the Hall first story they have had painted. The back room down stairs was rented on the first of June last to Arthur Chillas at $100 per Annum for a Mercantile Office, the other apartments continue rented & the rent punctually paid. They have collected for Rent $256 and paid over to the Grand Treasurer 252\frac{50}{100}$ as per account handed to the Grand Secretary and have passed Bills amounting to 652\frac{08}{100}$ viz: Taxes $186, Gas 286\frac{97}{100}$ Fuel 70\frac{94}{100}$ and Sundries 108\frac{17}{100}$. All which is most respectfully Submitted.

Signed. Committee { Charles McKaraher, John C. Smith, Robt. Patton.

Phil., Decr. 27th, 1843.

Dr. Charles McKaraher

In account with the Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

1842.			
	To	Balance, ...	$21.33
Decer. 28th.	"	Cash One qrs. Rent from Bohlen & Bo., . . .	"37.50
1843.			
Febv. 1.	"	Do. One qrs. Rent from Bodett & Mays, . . .	"31.26
"	"	Do. For Gas from Bodett & Mays, ...	" 6.00

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May	15.	To Do.	One qrs. Rent from Bohlen & B., . . .	"37.50	due 1st Inst.
July	11.	" Do.	Two qrs. Rent from Agricul. Socy., . . .	"62.50	due 1st Inst.
Augt.	1.	" Do.	One qrs. Rent from Bohlen & Borie, . .	"37.50	
Nov.	1.	" Do.	One qrs. Rent from Arthur Chillas, . . .	"25.00	
"	15.	" Do.	One qrs. Rent from Bohlen & Borie for North Cellar given up, . .	"18.75	
				$277.34	

1843.

Febv.	7th.	By Cash pd. to Jno. Thomson, . . .			$50.
Janv.	5th.	" Do. " " " " . . .			"37.50
July	11th.	" Do. " " " " . . .			"62.50
Augt.	12th.	" Do. " " " " . . .			"37.50
Nov.	9.	" Do. " " " " . . .			"25.00
"	25.	" Do. " " " " . . .			"20.00
Decr.	23d.	" Do. " " " " . . .			"20.00
"	27.	" Do. Balance " . . .			"24.84
				$277.34	$277.34

Dr.

1843.

Decr. 28th. To Balance, ... $24.84

General Returns were received from the following Lodges, Read and ordered to be filed.

Viz:

No. 3. Returning the reinstatement of Bros. Geo. B. Meeteer, William Galloway and James Flanagan; also the Suspension for non payment of Dues of D. L. D—, J— C. G—, S— G—, H. J—, B. J—, W— K—, C— K—, W— McG—, J— T. C—.

No. 9. Returning the Suspension of J— S—, J— F—, G— K—, R— McM—, G— R— for non payment of Dues.

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N°. 21. At Harrisburg.
N°. 22. " Sunbury.
N°. 45. " Pittsburg for the Years 1840, 1841, 1842 & 1843.
No. 51. Returning G— P. M— & J— M. D— as Stricken from the list of Members for Long absence from the City and S— H. K— & T— C. R— as Suspended for non paymn^t. of dues.
N°. 52. Returning Two Initiations and the Suspension for non payment of dues, F— C—, J— K—, J— R. H—, T— B—.
N°. 59.
" 67. Returns, M— D—, R— P—, T— E—, J— S— as Suspended for non payment of dues.
N°. 71. Returns, J. R. D—, F— D—, W— M^cM—, D— B—, J. H—, R— L—, J— S—, S— H. S—, N— M—, A. F. F. H— & J— B—, Suspended for non payment of Dues.
N°. 82. Returns, J— B—, Jr., H— B— & M— B— as Suspended for non payment of Dues.
N°. 91. Returns, J. R. T—, J— M. R—, W— C—, J— H. R—, Suspended for non pay. of dues and Ralph W. Pomroy, reinstated.
N°. 114. Returns, T— B. P—, J— L—, Jr., A— E. H—, Suspended for non payment of dues.
N°. 115.
N°. 125. Returns, C— D—, Suspended for non payment of dues.
N°. 138. Returns, B— K. M— & G— W. D—, Suspended for non payment of dues.
N°. 158. Returns, C— H—, M— T—, D— B—, J— S. C—, J— G—, H. A— G—, J— H—, J— L—, A— M—, H— N—, F— P—, G— W. T—, Suspended for non payment of dues.
N°. 186. P— G—, Returned as suspended for non payment of dues.
N°. 187. Returns, J— W—, C— L— F—, R— M—, H— M^cM—, C— A. C—, Suspended for non payment of dues.
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No. 201. Returns, G— L—, C. D. C—, C— C—, A— S—, G— S—, J— F, J— M^{c}M—, A— F—, Suspended for non payment of dues.

No. 211. Returns, B— H—, W— J—, J— M^{c}A—, J— Y—, J— O—, J— M^{c}S—, W— S—, W— A—, Suspended for non payment of dues.

No. 216. Returns, E— C—, J— A—, O— D—, E— E. B—, J— L—, Suspended for non payment of dues.

No. 218.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at Twenty Minutes after 7 Oclk.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 4th, A. D. 1844, A. L. 5844.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. William Barger,	R. W.	Grand	Master.
" James Page,	" "	D. "	"
" Peter Fritz,	" "	Sen$^{r.}$ "	Warden.
" William Whitney,	" "	J$^{r.}$ "	"
" John Thomson,	" "		" Treasurer.
" William H. Adams,	" "		" Secretary.
" William M. Martin,	" "	Dep$^{y.}$ "	"
" Anthony Bournonville,	" "	S$^{r.}$ G.	Deacon.
" John H. Markland,	" "	J$^{r.}$ "	Deacon.
" Thomas B. Florence,		"	Marshall.
" Jacob Steiner,		"	Sword Bearer.
" C. C. Williams,		"	Pursuivant.
" C. Stevenson,			
" B. Newcomb,			
" S. H. Perkins,	" "	P. G.	Masters.

Proxeys, N° 43, William Barger, 82, 108 & 138, William H. Adams, 218, John Thomson.

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Lodges Represented.

N° 3, Florence, Page, Dodson, Moore, M^cKaraher, Desilver, Carlin, King, Martin, Skerrit, M^cCullogh, Heisham, Thomson.
" 9, Creasey, Stone.
" 19, Bradley, Park, English.
" 51, Thomson, Whitney, Markland.
" 52, Thomas, Winters, Song, Goodman, Dorf.
" 59, Adams, Davenport, Gandy, Scott, Hardy, Shumway.
" 67, Kochersperger, Hamilton, Wagner, Simpson.
" 71, Frismuth, Golden, Phillips.
" 72, Barger, Stevenson, C. C. Williams.
" 91, Henniss, Manning, Mitchel, Perkins.
" 114, Thomson.
" 115, Black, Humes, Shultz, Dougherty, Anderson, Diamond, Archambault, Newcomb.
" 121, Flanigan.
" 125, Bournonville, Steiner, Aichternacht.
" 130, M^cGrath, Lescure, Westcott, Shultz, Clemens.
" 155, Fritz, Larrentree, Martin, Jackson.
" 158, Oliver, Moore.
" 186, Fletcher, Barrington.
" 187, Hilt.
" 211, Cartwright, Page, H. Illingsworth.
" 216, Nichols.

24 Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at a ¼ past Six Oclock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of Dec^r. 4^th, 1843, of the annual Grand Communication Dec^r. 27, 1843, and of the Special Grand Communication of January 15^th, 1844, were read and on Motion duly Made and Seconded, were each Separately adopted.

The following Communication from Lodge No. 121 was received and the proceedings of Said Lodge Sanctioned.

To the R. W. Grand Master & Officers of the Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

The Officers of the Union Lodge, No. 121, under the direction of Said Lodge represent that under the present By Laws

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of this Lodge it has but one Stated Meeting in each Year; that for dispatch of business the Master is authorized to call an extra Meeting called for by Circumstances—That application for Membership was received at an adjourned Meeting of Said Lodge from respectable Members of other Lodges—

That those applications were referred to a committee which reported favourably at an adjourned meeting of Said Lodge called more than thirty days afterwards for the Special purpose at which time the applicants were duly elected.

The G. Lodge will observe that the application being received at a Special Meeting instead of a Stated Meeting was irregular and this Lodge respectfully prays that this instance of irregularity rendered unavoidable by the peculiar Situation of the Lodge which is well known to the Grand Lodge, may be excused and the proceedings thus had be Sanction(ed) by the Grand Lodge. All of which is respectfully Submitted.

Phil., Mar. 2d, 1844. Signed. J. R. Flanigan, W. M.
Richd. Vaux, S. W.
Andrew M. Prevost, Secy.

The following was also received from Lodge No. 121, when on Motion duly made and Seconded, the By Laws were referred to the Committee on By Laws, viz:

In behalf of Union Lodge, No. 121, I have the honour of handing a copy of the By Laws of the Lodge as altered to meet the present circumstances of the Lodge. Which is respectfully submitted to the R. W. G. Lodge for its approval.

Signed. A. M. Prevost,
Secy.

The following was received from Lodge No. 2, and the proceedings approved, viz:

At a Special Meeting of Lodge No. 2, Ancient York Masons, held at the Masonic Hall, So. 3rd Street, Feby. 27th, A. D. 1844, A. L. 5844, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted—

Resolved, That the Stated Meetings of this Lodge take place hereafter on the Second Friday of each month instead of the Second Monday as heretofore.

Resolved, That the Stated Meetings of this Lodge take place hereafter in the Small Room of the Masonic Hall, Instead of the Large Room as heretofore.

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The following Communication from Lodge No. 125 was received and referred to the Committee on By Laws, viz:
To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Penns$^{a.}$

At a Stated Meeting of Hermans Lodge, No. 125, held Feb$^{y.}$ 23$^{rd.}$ 1844, it was on motion duly Made and Seconded,

Resolved, that Article 1st of the By Laws be altered as to read—The Stated Meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the Fourth Friday in every month except June, July & August—Should business of importance render a meeting necessary during this recess the W. M. is to give timely notice thereof to the brethren.

Resolved, to strike out of article III $35.00 and insert $25 as Initiation Fee—it was also

Resolved, to send the above alterations to the Grand Lodge for their approval.

Extract from the Minutes. Louis Grosholtz, Sec$^{y.}$

The following report from the Committee of By Laws was received and adopted, viz:
To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Penns$^{a.}$

The Committee on By Laws respectfully report that they have carefully examined the By Laws of Lodge No. 218, and find them correct, therefore recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted.

Mar. 4/44. Signed. William H. Adams,
Jn$^{o.}$ M. Read, Com$^{ee.}$

The following report from the Same Committee was also received & adopted, viz:
To the R. W. G. Lodges of the State of Penns$^{a.}$

The Committee on By Laws respectfully report that they have carefully examined the alterations made in the By Laws of Lodge No. 121, and approve of the same.

Respectfully Submitted.

Phil., Mar. 4, 1844. William H. Adams,
Jn$^{o.}$ M. Read, } Com$^{ee.}$

The R. W. Grand Master Stated that on Feb$^{y.}$ 8$^{th.}$ 1844, the Committee of G. Officers presented to Bro. C. Stevenson, R. W. P. G. Master, a Copy of the Resolutions passed at the Annual Grand Communication on S$^{t.}$ Johns Day last, and that the following Correspondence took place between himself and

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Wm Barger

R. W. Grand Master.

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Bro. Stevenson, on behalf of the Grand Officers, which being read was on motion duly made & Seconded, ordered to be entered upon the Minutes, viz.

To Cornelius Stevenson, Esqr R. W. P. G. Master

Worshipful Sir & Bro.,

Pursuant to A Resolution passed at the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge held on St Johns day last, referring, A Preamble and Resolutions then passed approbatory of your conduct during your administration to the Grand Officers, to be by them conveyed to you, they after consideration together concluded to have A Copy of them handsomely written out and incased in A plain gilt frame of which I now in their name and in behalf of the Grand Officers present to you.

And in so doing permit me to congratulate you my Brother on the flourishing condition of the Institution during your administration and also at the time of your retiring from office, also in behalf of the Grand Lodge I thank you for the Many Services you have rendered in every particular in the exalted Station from which you have just retired and pray for your prosperity here and your eternal happiness hereafter, and solicit A continuance of your Regard among us which shall please the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to reward you with A Crown of Glory in that Grand Lodge above, whose builder & Maker is God. Respectfully & Fraternally Yours,

William Barger.

R. W. P. G. Masters reply. Phila. Feby 8, 1814.

Rt Worshipful Sir & Brother,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note together with a copy of the Resolutions of the Grand Lodge on St Johns Day last, approbatory of my conduct during the time I had the honour to occupy the most exalted Station known among masons. I am happy that they have been handsomely written out in a plain Gilt Frame, which you in the name of the Grand Officers present to me.

I am at a loss my Brother for words to express my gratitude and to convey to you in a proper Manner the high estimate I place upon this beautiful token of favour, beautiful as it is, and highly as I value it, I can

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William Barger.

R. W. P. G. Masters reply. Phil., Feb^{y}. 8, 1844.

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that I consider it dim and valueless in comparison with the sentiments embodied in the resolutions thus presented to me, and if I am at a loss for words to express my acknowledgement for the Casket how much more at a loss must I be for words to give utterance to my feelings for the rich gem which it contains.

If in the discharge of my Official duties I have been so fortunate as to merit the approbation of my Brethren and to have done nothing to Mar the Harmony of the Grand Lodge or to cause dissatisfaction to any of its members, it is more than I had any reasonable right to expect, knowing as I do the frailty of my nature and my proneness to err. But if I have been thus successful may I not justly attribute it to the very efficient aid and sage advice which at all times I received from my Brother Officers together with the kind partiality and indulgent forbearance of all my brethren.

You have been pleased to congratulate me my Brother on the flourishing condition of the Grand Lodge and to thank me for the many services rendered to the Order. That the Grand Lodge is in a flourishing condition I have every reason to believe, and I sincerely hope and trust that it may long very long continue so to be, but for this I claim no merit nor am I entitled to any, and for the services I have rendered, if any such there be, I have done no more than my duty required, and sensible am I that my best efforts have been weak and inefficient.

Permit me to tender to you and through you to the Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge my most sincere and grateful acknowledgements for this testimonial of their regard and believe me to be

Wm. Barger, Esqr. Sincerely & fraternally Yours,
R. W. G. Master. C. Stevenson.
Phil., Febv. 20th. 1844.

Communications were received from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, Alabama and Natchez and referred to the Committee of correspondence.

General returns were received from the following Lodges. Read and ordered to be filed.

No. 2. Returns the Expulsion of W— A— and the Suspension of E— P—, W— S—, S— B—, C— O—, A— J. W—, E— S— & J— C. B— for non payment of dues.

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No. 19. Returns J— S. L—, J— R—, G— C. M—, S— W—, N— L— Sus. for N. P. Dues.

" 43. Returns H— G—, Suspended for non payment of dues.

" 62. Returns J— K—, E. E. J—, C— K— as rejected; D— H. D—, H— G—, B— K—, W— G. T—, D— R—, C— R—, D— B. S—, W— S— & I— A. F— as suspended for non payment of dues, and Andrew Davis as Reinstated.

" 72. Returns T— J. W—, R. M. M—, W— W—, R— H—, A— E—, J. L— W— as Suspended for non payment of dues.

" 108. Returns E— B— J—, C. P—, J— S—, W— K—, J— S—, W— B. S—, P— B—, E— S—, N— H—, A— I—, B— C—, G— A. M—, L— K—, S— B—, S— K—, V— E. P—, H— J—, T— M. W—, G— P. P—, W— A. B—, G— C—, I— S—, C— A. H—, M. S. W—, T— P. W—, J— E. G—, W— E. C—, P— A. S—, C. S. P—, A. B. S—, L. D. H—, Suspended for Non payment of dues.

" 121. Returns for 1842 & 1843.

" 130.

" 135. Returns for 1842 & 1843.

" 148, Returns J— C—, Expelled.

" 190.

" 155.

The following report from the Trustees of the Girard Bequest was received and accepted, "viz:"

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest beg leave to Submit the following Report.

That the Fund now amounts to Thirty one thousand three hundred and Twenty two dollars $\frac{52}{100}$ cents ($31.322.52) according to the market price of the Securities in which it is invested, being Thirteen hundred & Twenty two dollars fifty four cents ($1322.54) more than the limit fixed by the Will of our Brother Girard.

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The fund now Consists of the following Securities, to wit:

102	Shares F. & M. Bk. Stock val. 41½, . .	$4233.00
3	" Kensington " " " 30, . .	90.00
149	" Masonic Loan 6 p. ct., ...	14900.00
60	" Do. 5 p. ct., ...	6000.00
1	Certificate of Masonic Debt, ...	3964.16
1	Certificate 5 per ct. Loan of Pens[a]. No. 861 for 776.32 Val. 69½, ...	539.54
1	do. 6 per ct. do. do. No. 1542 received for dividend due August 1[st]. 1842,	19.41
Cash in Bank, ...		1576.41
Making a Total of, ...		$31322.52

The Cash in Bank per last Report dated June 5[th], A. L. 5843 was, ... $ 236.60

There has been received since that time the sum of 1644.56 from the following sources, to wit:

5843, July 12,	Dividend F. & M[c]B. Stock, .		" 91.80
Octo. 18,	" on State 5 due Aug. 1/43,		" 19.41
" 20,	" on Kensington Bk. Stock, as follows:		
	Dividend due June 21, 1841, .	$4.28	
	" " Nov[r]. 4, " .	"3.56	
	" " May 3, 1842, .	"3.56	
	" " Nov[r]. 1, " .	"3.56	
	" " May 2, 1843, .	"3.75	" 18.71
" Dec[r]. 30,	dividend F. & M. Bk. Stock, .		" 91.80
5844, Jan[y]. 17,	" on 146 Shares Masonic Loan & 6000$ 5 per ct. certif. for Masonic Debt due July 1, 1843, ...		" 588.00
	6 Mos. Int. on $3964.16 Certif. of Masonic Debt due July 1, 1843,		" 118.92
1844, Feb[y]. 26,	Dividend on 149 Shares M. L. & on $6000 5 per cent M. Debt due Jan[y]. 1[st]. 1844, ...		$ 597.00
	6 Mos. Int. on 3964.16 Certif. M. Debt at 6 p. ct. due Jan[y]. 1, 1844, ...		" 118.92
Making a Total of, ...			$1881.16

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Of this Sum there has been invested in 3 Certificates of Masonic Loans of 1825 No. 178, 179 & 180 (Aug. 23, 1843) the sum of Three hundred & Three Dollars $303.

1843, Octor. 20, Cash p$^{d.}$ for Minute Book, 1.75 304.75

Dollars $1576.41

Leaving in Bank to the Credit of the Trustees the Sum of Fifteen hundred & seventy six dollars $\frac{41}{100}$.

The principal part of this Large Sum in Bank arises from dividends but recently paid and the Trustees are seeking to invest it in Certificates of Masonic Loans.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. Enos S. Gandy. B. Newcomb.
Sam$^{l.}$ Badger. Sam$^{l.}$ H. Perkins.
Alex. Diamond.
Trustees.

The following resolution was offered By Bro. Robinson R. Moore and on Motion duly made and Seconded, was adopted, viz:

Resolved, that a committee of Seven be appointed whose duty it shall be to enquire, if any, what rules and regulations ought to be adopted by the Grand Lodge so that the interest arising from the Girard Bequest may be appropriated in accordance with the will of our late Brother Stephen Girard.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint

Bro. Robinson R. Moore,
George Griscom, John Thomson.
J. A. Phillips, E. P. Lescure.
E. Barrington & M. Cartwright,
Committee.

On motion of Bro. Alex$^{r.}$ Diamond and duly carried the returns of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 155, were returned for correction.

The following report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

The Committee of Finance respectfully report a statement of the Receipts and Payments by the Grand Treasurer for and

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on account of the R. W. Grand Lodge for the quarter ending December 31, 1843.

Receipts.

For Lodge dues & rent & rent from Chapter, ...		$1,010.75	
" Sup$^{t.}$ Chestnut S$^{t.}$ Hall, . . .		"1,762.63	
" Hall Committee for Rents 3^{d} S$^{t.}$ Hall, ...		" 65.00	
" Grand Secretary for Dispensations, &c., &c., ...		" 31.00	$2869.38

Payments.

For Interest on Bonds to Es$^{t.}$ J. C. Fisher, .	$200.00		
" " to Dancing Assem$^{y.}$,	330.00		
" " to holders of Loans & certif$^{s.}$, . .	156.00		
" " to holders of Gas Loan, . . .	60.77	$746.67	
" Expenses 3rd S$^{t.}$ Hall, viz:			
For Gas, ...	$ 47.55		
" Coal, ...	" 70.94		
" Painting, . . .	" 22.25		
" Repairs, . . .	" 5.54		
" Cleaning Stoves, &c.,	" 7.25	$153.53	
" Salaries Grand Treas$^{r.}$, .	$ 50.00		
" Secretary,	"200.00		
" Tyler, .	48.00	298.00	
" Regalia, ...		151.50	
" Parchment, ...		8.50	$1358.20
For Expenses Chestnut Street Hall.			
" Gas, ...		"136.33	
" Coal, ...		" 48.12	
" Painting, ...		" 50.00	
" Repairs and Current Expenses, .		"236.73	
" Superintendants Commissions, . .		"132.17	$603.35
			$1961.55
Amount of Receipts Exceeding Expenses, .			$ 907.73

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Cash balance in hands of Treas. Oct^{r}.
1843, ... $1,784.05
do. do. do. Dec^{r}. 1, 1843, "2,691.72 " 907.73
Philad^{a}. March 1, 1844.

Signed. Ge^{o}. Smith,
Ge^{o}. D. Haswell,
A. E. Dougherty,
Committee.

The following resolution was on motion duly made and Seconded, adopted, "viz:"

Resolved, That the Grand Officers be a Committee to ascertain what price can be obtained for the Chestnut Street property and to negotiate for the sale thereof, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge.

The following report was read and adopted.

When on motion duly made and seconded, Resolved, that a Copy be transmitted to all the Grand Lodges who are in Correspondence with this Grand Lodge, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The Grand Officers to whom was referred the Communication from Bro. John Dove, President of the Convention of Grand Lodges assembled at Baltimore in May last, forwarded under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Respectfully Report, That they have carefully examined the Said Communication, and given the Subject to which it refers their most serious attention, and cannot but regret, that the action of the Grand Lodges in the Convention alluded to, should have resulted in the production of a work calculated to prejudice the Order of Masonry.

After several attempts to get up a convention of the Grand Lodges of the different States of the union one was held in Baltimore in the month of May last. Altho this Grand Lodge was appealed to, and asked to take part in that convention, she declined doing so, as it was not apparant to her that any good could spring from it—She carefully kept aloof, and so far has every reason to congratulate herself upon the Wisdom of her course. In the answer which she returned, posatively refusing to unite in any Such Convention she assumed the ground that

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Masonry like the Laws of the Medes & Persians, "Altereth not" and as it was Co-extensive with the nations of the earth, existing beneath all climates, and more or less known to nearly every race, nothing short of a representation from each and all should attempt to revise the system—A Modification to suit one quarter of the world or a particular class of people would not answer for another, and from its being a primative and enduring bond of universal association, an attempt at change would resolve it into Chaos, and the Land Marks of the order be obliterated for ever. To the latter we are bound to cling by our love for the Institution and by every obligation of duty. Watching with Jealous eyes and opposing hands, every effort at innovation resolved that the "Ark of our covenant" shall float in its beauty, simplicity and truth, upon the stream of time into the ocean of Eternity.

In this Convention fifteen Lodges were represented. They proceeded to investigate and canvas the several modes of work practised by themselves, and agreed upon a system by which the whole should be regulated, and with a view to its dissemination resolved to publish in the name of the convention a Trestle Board or Hieroglyphic Monitor, which should represent the true work and be the means of dispersing as they thought, the spurious publications extant. This duty devolved upon Bro. Dove of Virginia, Bro. Moore of Massachusetts and Bro. Carnagy of Missouri. They agreed upon the outlines and separated, but the work before being put to press, was to meet with Bro. Doves approbation.

The book however found its way into the world, in violation of this understanding between the members of the Committee, and in the language of Bro. Dove "It is the most offensive, rediculous and objectionable book upon Masonry it had ever fallen to his lot to peruse, and in scarcely one feature to be recognized as having the most remote resemblance to the work of the Convention."

It is clear therefore, that the attempt by this body to establish a uniform system of work has resulted in the production of a publication under its auspices calculated to do vast injury to the Masonic Fraternity and the evil effects of which no steps which that or any other Masonic body can now take will entirely avoid. The book may drive out of circulation other

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works only to supply their places with one of a more objectionable character.

So far as publications go they have been uniformly reprobated by this Grand Lodge. The door once opened it would be difficult to foresee the closing of it—Besides, the interest of the Craft do not require them, and it would be well if an end could be put to this evil. The Ahiman Rezon is a sufficient text book and furnishes all that is desirous to be known out of the Lodge, as a standard it gives what is wanting with respect to the spirit and object of Masonry. As to the forms, these are for the Lodge alone, within its walls to be sacredly kept from the eyes & ears of the uninitiated, cherished by the memory and enshrined in the heart of every Brother.

As this Grand Lodge was not represented in the Baltimore convention, she does not fall within the instructions given to Bro. Dove in the resolution authorizing him to address circulars, requesting the Grand Lodges there represented to unite with the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in suppressing the further circulation of the Tressel board, nor can the committee conceive why, except for the sake of abundant caution, Bro. Dove should send a circular to this Grand Lodge, they therefore do not perceive the necessity of any action in the premisses, and submit merely the following resolution, as expressive of the sense of the Grand Lodge of Penns[a]. on this interesting subject.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge has always taken a decided stand against all publications on the subject of Masonry—particularly as to its forms and ceremonies, and from the proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, held on the 11[th] of December, 1843, she is more fully convinced of the propriety of her course in regard thereto.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. W[m]. Whitney, W[m]. Barger,
John Thomson, James Page,
W[m]. H. Adams, Peter Fritz,

Phil., March 4, 1844. Committee.

Brother Robert M[c]Culloch a Past Master of Lodge No. 3, presented to the Grand Lodge through the R. W. Deputy G. Master Bro. James Page a Copy of the old constitution book of 1783, which was accepted—and on Motion duly made and

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Seconded, it was Resolved, that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to brother Robert M^cCulloch.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past nine Oclock, P. M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

Lodge of Instruction.

Monday, March 18^th. 1844, A. L. 5844.

Pursuant to notice given, by Order of the R. W. Grand Master, the Members of the Grand Lodge met, when the R. W. Master opened a Lodge of Instruction and delivered a Lecture upon the opening and closing.

The Lodge of Instruction adjourned to meet on the first Monday in April.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

Lodge of Instruction.

Monday, April 1^st. 1844, A. L. 5844.

Pursuant to adjournment from the 18^th ult^o. the members of the Grand Lodge met, when the R. W. Grand Master delivered a practical Lecture on the Entered apprentices degree.

The Lodge of Instruction adjourned to meet this night week.

William H. Adams,
Grand Sec^y.

Lodge of Instruction.

Monday, April 8^th. A. D. 1844, A. L. 5844.

Pursuant to adjournment from the 1^st Inst. the Members of the Grand Lodge met.

When the R. W. Grand Master delivered a practical lecture on the Fellow crafts degree.

The Lodge of Instruction adjourned to meet on Friday the 12^th Inst. at 7 oc. P. M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

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Lodge of Instruction.
Friday, April 12th, 1844, A. L. 5844.

Pursuant to adjournment from the 8th Inst. the Members of the Grand Lodge met, when the R. W. Grand Master opened a Lodge of Instruction in the M. M. Degree at half past 7 Oclock in the Evening.

The R. W. Grand Master Stated that this being the last night of the Lodge of Instruction for the season and that there had been a gentleman (Mr. Jno. H. Simons) who had made application to Lodge No. 67, for Initiation, &c., and by Virtue of the powers and authority in him Vested, as Grand Master, he would proceed to Initiate, Pass and Raise John H. Simons.

M. M. Lodge closed and an E. A. L. opened Mr. Jno. H. Simons being in waiting was introduced and Initiated into the first degree of Masonry.

E. A. L. closed and a F. C. L. opened. Bro. Simons was introduced and raised to the Sublime degree of a M. Mason.

F. C. L. closed and a M. M. L. opened. Bro. Simons was introduced and raised to the sublime degree of a M. Mason.

The Lodge of Instruction closed at a ¼ to 10 Oclock in the Evening.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

Philada., Monday, June 3rd, 1844, A. L. 5844.

Grand Lodge of Penns^a. Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	William Barger,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	James Page,	" "	D. " "
"	Peter Fritz,	" "	Sr. " Warden.
"	Wm. Whitney,	" "	Jr. " "
"	John Thomson.	" "	" Treasurer.
"	Wm. H. Adams,	" "	" Secy.
"	Wm. W. Smith,	" "	D. " "
"	Jas. R. Dickson,	" "	Sr. " Deacon.
"	Jno. H. Markland,	" "	Jr. " Do.
Rev. "	Ducachet & Van Pelt	" "	Chaplains.
"	Jacob Steiner,	" "	Grand S. Bearer.

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Rev. Bro. T. B. Florence (left Early) R. W. Grand Marshall.
" C. C. Williams, " " Pursuivant.
" Jn° M. Read, S. H. Perkins, } Past Grand
J. R. Chandler, and B. Newcomb, } Masters.

Lodges Represented. Names of Brethren.

No. 2, Richardson.
" 3, Page, Florence, Moore, Skerrit, M^cCulloch, Martin, King, Desilver, M^cKaraher, Heysham, Carlin, Dodson, Thomson.
" 9, Creasey, Dorsey, Andrews, Robinson, Stone.
" 19, Bradley, Thornly Griscom.
" 51, Thomson, Whitney, Markland, Israel, Read.
" 52, Long, Patton, Winters.
" 59, Adams, Dickson, Storm, Smith, Davenport.
" 67, Simpson, Hamilton, Weeks, Jones, Smith.
" 71, Golden, Meyers.
" 72, Barger, Williams.
" 91, Manning, W^m Badger, Hennis, Perkins.
" 114, Thomson.
" 115, Newcomb, Ward, Martin, Shultz, Diamond, Archambault, Black.
" 121, Vaux.
" 125, Steiner, Schmidt, Aichternacht.
" 130, M^cGrath, Lescure, Shultz, Riley, Easby.
" 155, Frotz, Larrentree.
" 158, Moore.
" 186, Barrington, Smith.
" 187, Hilt.
" 211, Cartwright.

Proxies.

N° 22, W^m Whitney.
" 43, " Barger.
" 62, Chandler.
" 82, Adams, 108, Adams, 138, Adams.
" 201, Riley.
" 218, Jn° Thomson.

29 Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at a Quarter after 7 Oclk. P. M.

The Minutes of March 4^th 1844 were read and on Motion duly made and Seconded were adopted.

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On Motion duly made and Seconded the following brethren were admitted as visitors, viz:

S. Strickland of No. 3, J. H. Brown & Jn° Fisher of No. 43, N. Hass of No. 52, W. F. Kummer of No. 72, G. H. Hart of 91, Jn° Aitkin of N° 130, E. R. Jones No. 158, E. R. Grace, No. 186, Jn° S. Singleton of No. 211.

A petition for the revival of LaFayette Lodge, No. 194, at Selins Grove, signed by a number of Brethren and recommended by Sunbury Lodge, No. 22, was read. When on motion duly made and Seconded, was referred to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary with power to act.

The following communication from Lodge No. 22 was received & read, viz:

To W^m. Whitney a Past Master and Member of Lodge No. 51, under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

At a Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 22, held at Sunbury, on the 31^st day of May, A. D. 1844, A. L. 5844, you were appointed the representative of this Lodge in the R. W. G. Lodge of Penns^a.

Witness our hands and the seal of the Lodge this 31^st day of May, A. D. 1844.

Signed. G. C. Welker.
Seal. Ge°. Weiser.
Test: G. Martin, Sec^y. G. Leisenring

On motion duly made and seconded, Bro. W^m. Whitney was recognized as Proxy of Lodge No. 22.

A Communication was received and read from Kensington Lodge, No. 211, announcing the Expulsion of Bro. P— F— for retaining and refusing to pay over the Funds of the Lodge.

On Motion the Communication was ordered to be filed.

Communications were received from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Mississippi & New York, and on Motion duly made and Seconded, were referred to the Committee of correspondence.

The following report was received and the Resolution adopted, viz:

To the Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

The undersigned to whom was referred the petition of a number of brethren to reenter upon the Warrant, Jewels, &c., of Lodge No. 61, at Wilkesbarre, Pa., and to reopen the same.

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Respectfully Report: That the duty has been attended to and on the 16th of January, 1844, the R. W. Grand Master Issued his dispensation to proceed and reorganize the said Lodge and on March 26, 1844, the Grand Secretary received returns shewing the revival and reorganization of Lodge No. 61, at Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County, Penns$^{a.}$ on the 27th day of January, 1844, with Nineteen Members officers included.

Your Committee offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the proceedings be approved and the committee discharged.

Phil., June 3$^{d.}$ 1844. Signed. William Barger.
William H. Adams.

The following communication being read—the R. W. Grand Master Stated that in Compliance with the request contained in the communication he had appointed Bro. Ge$^{o.}$ C. Welker of Sunbury, D. D. Grand Master for the Counties of Northumberland, Union & Columbia.

To William Barger, R. W. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

Whereas, it has pleased divine providence to call from among us our worthy and beloved brother the Hon$^{e.}$ Charles G. Donnell, D. D. G. Master.

We the Subscribers most respectfully pray that a successor may be appointed and beg leave to recommend our worthy brother the Honourable George C. Welker of Lodge No. 22, as a suitable person to fill that station.

Sunbury, April 11, 1844, A. L. 5844.

Signed. A. Jordon. Ge$^{o.}$ Martin.
Fred$^{k.}$ Lazarus. Ge$^{o.}$ Weiser.
Ge$^{o.}$ Leisenring. Gideon Markle.
J. K. Davis. John Emmit.
Benj$^{n.}$ Houseworth. John Deitritch.
G. Gundrum.

The following report from the Committee to devise a plan to distribute the proceeds of the S. G. C. Fund was read, viz: To the R. W. Grand Master and Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

The undersigned committee to whom was referred the duty of devising a plan to distribute the proceeds of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund present the annexed set of Rules for the

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consideration of the R. W. Grand Lodge the aim of the committee has been chiefly to embody only such articles as appear to be necessary to an organization knowing that the R. W. G. Lodge can from time to time, make such alterations and amendments as experience may suggest. June 3rd, 1844.

Signed. Robinson R. Moore. J. A. Phillip.
John Thomson. E. P. Lescure.
George Griscom. Edmund Barrington.

The following are the rules spoken of in the report of the committee, viz:

Article 1st.

Section 1st. The Grand Lodge at their first Grand Quarterly Communication after the annual report of the Trustees of the Girard Bequest has been received and adopted, shall appropriate the whole of the Interest which has accrued from the Investments of the preceding year to the purposes designated by the testator.

Section 2nd. In no case shall the proceeds of the Year be anticipated but the appropriations be based on money in actual possession, nor shall any Funds once received be diverted from their legitimate object.

Section 3rd. The R. W. Grand Master shall quarterly draw his order on the Trustees of the G. Bequest countersigned by the Grand Secretary in favour of the G. Treasurer for such sum or sums as the Stewards of the Girard Charity Fund may require.

Article 2nd.

The Committee to Distribute the Bequest shall be addressed & known as the "Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund" and shall consist of Twenty one members to be appointed by the R. W. Grand Master, immediately after the adoption of these by Laws, and in future for each masonic year, at the same time the standing committees now are, but one Bro. (who must be a Past Master) to be taken from the same Lodge.

Article 3rd.

Section 1st. The Stewards shall meet on the first Monday ensuing their appointment, at 6 Oclock in the evening at the committee room of the hall, and a Majority of the whole num-

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ber constitute a quorum. They shall chose the president at their first meeting who shall serve for one year.

Section 2nd. Immediately after being thus organized they shall be devided by lot, into four classes of Five Members each. The first class to serve from the first Monday in January to the first Monday in April; the Second class from the first Monday in April to the first Monday in July; the Third class from the first Monday in July to the first Monday in October; the Fourth class from the first Monday in October to the first Monday in January. Each of the different classes to be known as a "Committee of Relief for the Stephen Girard Fund."

Section 3rd. The Stewards shall meet on the Second Monday of each Month, at the Hall, from March till September inclusive at 7 Oc. and at 6 Oc. on the other Months.

Section 4th. The Minutes of the preceeding meeting shall be read by the Secretary and if approved adopted.

Section 5th. The Committee of Relief for the time being shall report monthly to the Stewards, giving a detailed and faithful accounts of its transactions.

Section 6th. The Treasurer shall report at each monthly meeting the amount expended, and the funds in his possession.

Section 7th. No committee of relief can give to one individual more than thirty Dollars, without the consent of a majority of the Stewards at their stated or special Meetings.

Section 8th. No part or portion of the funds placed at the disposal of the Stewards (or any committee from that body) shall be given for the relief of any applicant, unless they shall find him to be a poor and respectable brother.

Section 9th. The Committee of Stewards can exercise a discretion in their disbursements, and in place of Money bestow such useful and necessary articles as the exigencies of the case may require.

Section 10th. In the abscence of the president the Stewards shall elect a President "pro tempori," who shall perform all the duties pertaining to that office.

Article 4th.

Section 1st. Each committee of relief shall elect a Secretary, who shall keep fair and correct minutes of its proceedings in a book provided for that purpose, and at the expiration of his term of office hand over to his successor said record.

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Section 2nd. The committee of Stewards shall meet at least once a week at such time and place as may be severally agreed upon.

Section 3rd. All orders on the Treasurer must be signed by three of the committee of relief who are in active service at the time, except such orders as are directed to be drawn by the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, in which case the signature of the president and Secretary will be sufficient.

Article 5th.

Section 1. The president of the Stewards shall act as chairman to the different committees, sign all orders on the Treasurer, and call all extra Meetings when requested in writing by three Members. He shall keep an order Book, and enter on the Margin thereof all orders drawn.

Section 2nd. The president shall report annually to the Grand Lodge a full and complete statement of the Transaction of the "Stewards."

Article 6th.

Section 1st. The Grand Treasurer to be Ex-Officio treasurer of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund.

Section 2nd. The Treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of all monies paid to him for the use of the Stewards, pay such orders as may be drawn upon him, keep regular entries of his disbursements at all times, and have his Books & Voucher ready for examination.

Article 7th

Section 1st. The Grand Secretary shall be Ex-Officio Secretary to the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund.

Section 2nd. The Secretary shall keep correct Minutes of the proceedings of the Stewards, issue notices for all meetings, record all by laws, rules and ordinances made by the Stewards and Sanctioned by the Grand Lodge, and perform such other duties as pertain to the Office.

Article 8th.

In case any Steward shall fail to attend properly to his duties, the same shall be reported by the committee of Stewards for the time being, of which he shall be a member, to the president of the Stewards, whose duty it shall be to report the fact to the Lodge, to which the delinquent may belong, at its

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next meeting and at the suggestion of Said Lodge the Grand Master will appoint another in his place.

Article 9th.

The Stewards can appropriate money to defray such expenses as are necessary to carry out the object of the bequest.

Article 10th.

All applications for Charity must be signed by two past Masters Members of the Grand Lodge.

When on motion duly made and Seconded, the report was accepted and the Rules severally adopted.

The following Report was received and Read, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned, a Committee appointed by the R. W. Grand Master, agreeably to the Resolution of the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Grand Communication of June 5th. A. L. 5843, to whom the twelve addresses Delivered by P. G. Master Jos. R. Chandler during his term of Office as Grand Master were referred to examine the same and to have them printed and each member of the Grand Lodge furnished with a copy.

Respectfully Report: That they have caused one Thousand copies of the addresses to be printed and Three hundred & fifty two copies to be bound, bills for which are herewith presented amounting to Four hundred Dollars Forty nine cents. Owing to the Expenses being more than your committee believed the Grand Lodge anticipated, the Grand Secretary has delayed furnishing the Members with a Copy till the further pleasure of the Grand Lodge was consulted.

The Grand Secretary has delayed furnishing the Members with a Copy till the further pleasure of the Grand Lodge was consulted.

It is believed that in no other work of equal extent are the great principles of Masonry more persuasively inculcated or its duties & privileges Set forth in more appropriate Language, it will reflect credit on this Grand Lodge where ever it is known & Read. She may and will take pleasure in presenting it to her Sister Grand Lodges as her contribution to true Masonic Light & Information.

With these views your committee beg leave to offer the following resolutions.

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Resolved, that the Grand Secretary present from this Grand Lodge a copy of the addresses of Bro. P. G. Master Joseph R. Chandler to each of the Sister Grand Lodges with which She is in correspondence.

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the Sum of $305 $\frac{37}{100}$ the Amount of Barrington & Haswells Bill for printing One Thousand Copies of addresses, and for the sum of $95 $\frac{33}{100}$ the Amount of Jn°. G. Russells bill for Binding Three hundred & fifty two copies of the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. Sam^l. H. Perkins,
John M. Read,
Sam^l. H. Badger,
Committee.

Which report was accepted and Resolutions Adopted.

The Resolution passed June 5^th. 1843, ordering the gratuitous distribution of Bro. Joseph R. Chandlers addresses was reconsidered, and the Grand Secretary directed to charge fifty cents for each copy.

The following Resolution was adopted, viz: Resolved,

That 50 Copies be presented to Bro. Jo^s. R. Chandler.

The following report from the Committee on By Laws was read and approved, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on By Laws respectfully report that they have carefully examined the alterations made in the By Laws of Hermans Lodge, No. 125, and approve of the same, with the exception of the alteration of article No. 1, which is contrary to the provision of the Ahiman Rezon.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. Ja^s. Hutchinson,
Jn°. M. Read,
W^m. H. Adams,
Committee.

The following report was received, read and approved, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance respectfully report a Statement of the receipts and payments by the Grand Treasurer for &

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on account of the R. W. Grand Lodge for the quarter ending 31st March, 1844, viz:

Receipts.

For Lodge dues & Rent & Chapter, .		$1,207.95	
" Chestnut Street Hall, . . .		"1,432.15	
" Third Street Hall, ...		87.50	
" Dispensations D. D. G. M. & G. Secy.		37.50	$2,765.10

Payments.

For Int. to holders of Loan Certificates & Mortgages, . . .		$2,696.54	
" Expenses Chestnut Street Hall, viz:			
Commiss. to Supt., .	$100.82		
Current Expenses, .	97.91		
Gas, ...	240.73		
Water Rent, . . .	10.00		
For Expenses 3d. St. Hall.			
Gas, ...	$72.15		
Water Rent, . . .	10.00		
Repairs Gas Fixtures, .	1.75	83.90	
For Salaries, ...		299.50	
" Advertising, ...		1.	$3,535.40
Amt. of Payments exceeds. receipts, .			770.30
Cash bal. in Hands of Treas. Decr. 31/43, ...		$2,691.78	
" " " " " " Mch. 31/44, ...		1,921.48	770.30

Phil., June 3rd, 1844.

Signed. Geo. Smith, A. E. Dougherty, Geo. D. Haswill, } Comee. of Finance.

The following Resolutions offered by William M. Martin was on motion duly made and Seconded, laid on the Table, viz:

Resolved, That the duty of relieving the Lodges of the City and County of Phil. from the Taxation to which they are respectively subjected by the numerous demands upon them for charitable purposes should justly devolve upon the Grand Lodge.

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Resolved, That a committee (embracing one member) from each of the Said Lodges be appointed to devise a plan for the distribution of the Charity Fund of this Grand Lodge and to report the same at the next meeting thereof.

The following Resolution offered by Bro. Jo$^{s.}$ S. Riley was on motion adopted, viz:

Resolved, that the Grand Sec$^{y.}$ be requested to furnish a statement in writing to the "Committee to settle with the Franklin Institute" what yet in his view remains unfinished of that Settlement and that he be also requested to hand Said Committee all their reports made to this Grand Lodge on that Subject that they may have the whole affair before them.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

PHIL., Monday, June 17th, 1844, A. L. 5844.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Special Grand Communication.

Bro. W$^{m.}$ Barger,	R. W. G. Master.
" Peter Fritz,	" " D. G. Master.
" Robinson R. Moore,	" " S$^{r.}$ G. Warden.
" James Simpson,	" " Jr. " Warden.
" John Thomson,	" " G. Treasurer.
" William H. Adams,	" " " Secretary.
" Anthony Bournonville,	S$^{r.}$ G. Deacon.
" William Thomson,	J$^{r.}$ G. Deacon.
" John J. Krider,	Grand Sword Bearer.
" T. B. Florence,	" Marshall.
" C. C. Williams,	" Pursuivant.
" S. H. Perkins,	Past " Master.

Lodges Represented.	Names &c.
No. 3,	Moore, Florence, Carlin, Martin, Desilver, M^{c}Karaher, Heisham, Thomson.
" 9,	Robinson, Creasey, Stone, Haslam.
" 19,	Bradley, Griscom, English.
" 51,	Thomson, Israel, Bouvier.
" 52,	Long, Thomas, Patton.
" 59,	Adams, Dickson, Kneass.

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No. 67, Simpson, Field.
" 71, Meyers, Schnider.
" 72, Williams, Barger.
" 91, Badger, Manning, Hennis, Perkins.
" 114, Thomson, Coburn, Krider.
" 115, Black, Dougherty, Archambault, M^cCloud.
" 121, Vaux.
" 125, Bournonville, Steiner.
" 130, Shultz, Westcott, M. T. W. Chandler, Clemens, Riley, Sleeper.
" 155, Fritz, Flick, White, Larrentree, Bacon.
" 158, Oliver, Moore.
" 186, Barrington, White, Fletcher.
" 187, Hickey, Hilt.
" 211. Page, Cartwright.

Proxies.

No. 43, Barger; 82, Adams; 108, Adams; 138, Adams; 201, Riley, and 218, Jn° Thomson.

26 Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 7½ O clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master Stated that the Grand Lodge was called together at the Request of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund for the purpose of taking into consideration a proposition for an appropriation for use of Said Fund.

When the following Resolution was offered by Bro. Robinson R. Moore and adopted, "viz:"

Resolved, That of the Interest arising from the Girard Bequest and now in the hands of the Trustees of said Bequest there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of Six hundred Dollars to be drawn for as provided by the Third Section of the 1st Article of the Rules adopted by the Grand Lodge for the government of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund and by them applied in accordance to the will of the Testator.

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Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at half past Eight Oclock.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

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PHILA., Monday, Septr. 2nd, 1844, A. L. 5844.

Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$ Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Brother	William Barger,		R. W. G. Master.
"	Peter Fritz,	P. T.	" " D. " "
"	William Whitney,	P. T.	" " S$^{r.}$ " Warden.
"	John W. M^{c}Grath,	P. T.	" " J$^{r.}$ " "
"	John Thomson,		" " " Treas$^{r.}$
"	W$^{m.}$ H. Adams,		" " " Sec$^{y.}$
"	Ge$^{o.}$ D. Haswell,	P. T.	" " D. G. do.,
"	A. Bournonville,		S$^{r.}$ G. Deacon.
"	James Simpson,	P. T.	J$^{r.}$ " Deacon.
Rev$^{d.}$ "	John J. Kerr,		G. Chaplain.
"	H. English,		" Pursuivant.
"	S. H. Perkins, C. Stevenson, Jo$^{s.}$ R. Chandler,		P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented.	Names of Brethren.
No. 3,	M^{c}Culloch, Moore, Desilver, M^{c}Karaher, Carlin.
" 9,	Stone, Creasey.
" 19,	English, Haswell, Bradley.
" 51,	Thomson, Israel, Whitney, Bouvier.
" 52,	Long, Patton, Winter.
" 59,	Adams, Davenport, Shumway.
" 61,	Pettibone, (of Wilkesbarre, Pa.)
" 67,	Simpson, Van Osten, Smith, Weeks, Reese.
" 71,	Kerr, Golden, Hyneman.
" 72,	Barger, Alter, Stevenson, West.
" 91,	Perkins, Manning, Hennis.
" 114,	Kelly, Thomson, Beck.
" 115,	Young, Diamond, Archambault, Shultz.
" 125,	Bournonville.
" 130,	M^{c}Grath, Shultz, M. T. W. Chandler, Chandler, Clemens, Easby.
" 155,	Martin, Lanentree.
" 158,	Oliver.
" 186,	Smith.
" 187,	Hilt, Wallis, Hickey.
" 211,	J. Page.

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Proxies.

No. 22, W^m Whitney; 43, W^m Barger; 62, Chandler; 82, 108, 138, W^m H. Adams, & 218, John Thomson.

Twenty Seven Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge opened in Ancient form at 7 O clk. P. M.

On Motion the following brethren were admitted as visitors, "to wit": D. Livinson No. 2, N. Y., M. Stineburger & Samuel Robinson No. 2, Phil^a., Rich^d Leach No. 3, Phil., Francis A. Hanly No. 18, Palmyro, Missouri, Nathan Hess No. 52, Nathan Miskey & Benj^m W. Jones No. 91, Jn^o J. Haswell No. 101, Wheeling, Va., Ja^s B. Chandler, M^cArlkin No. 130, Isaac Mayer, Salina, Va. No. 145, James Shields, Edw. R. Jones No. 158, Henry W. Lewis formerly of Lodge No. 182, Mercer Co. Pa. James Jordon No. 187.

The Minutes of Quarterly Communication of June 3^d. 1844, also of Special Communication June 17^th. 1844, were read and separately adopted.

The following report from the Hall Committee was read and accepted and the Resolution annexed unanimously adopted, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

The Hall Committee Report, That the Situation of the Grand Lodge Room has been such, for some time past, as to bring down discredit and reproach, upon the Committee, for its unsightly and unclean condition. That it became necessary a thorough renovation should be undergone, and as the season just past, being the most suitable for the undertaking, they have had it thoroughly renovated by having it papered, painted, new Carpets of Oil Cloth and ingrain put down. The Old Chandalier removed (it being unsightly and of little use) and Brackets placed on the side walls which will be a saving in Gas, and light the Room better, the Gas lights upon the Senior & Junior Wardens pedestals have been removed (being considered inconvenient and out of taste) and brackets placed upon the Colums, the Sofas recovered & Varnished, the chairs & Pedestal also varnished and the Ceiling whitened, the Tylers & outer Rooms have been papered and carpeted, &c., with some other small matters not necessary mentioning.

Your committee have been induced to place the Grand Lodge Room in its present condition believing it will add to the com-

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fort, utility and credit of the order and are satisfied in saying that with care the Room will not require any thing done to it for several years and for the said alterations and changes considerable expense has been incurred for which they appeal to the Grand Lodge for their approval and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be authorised to pay the Sum of Five hundred & Seventy Seven dollars & Eight cents for the Amounts of Bills incurred by the Hall Committee for renovating the Grand Lodge Room, &c., all of which is respectfully Submitted.

Signed. C. M^cKaraher,
Jn^o. C. Smith,
Robert Patton,
Committee.

Phil., Sept^r. 2^d. 1844.

The following report from the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund was received and adopted, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

The Trustees of the Charity Fund beg leave respectfully to Report, That the effects in the hands of your committee consist of

17 Shares Masonic Loans, ...	$1700.
4 Certificates of Masonic Debt, ...	"1791.24
11 Shares Southern Loan value, ...	" 88.00
Bal. in hands of J. Jones late Treasurer, . .	" 248.67
Bal. in hands of present Treasurer, ...	152.70
	$3980.61

There has been Received Since the report of October 16^th, 1843, Interest on

Masonic Loans & Debt due July 1, 1844, . . .			$463.88
Dividend on S. Loan Stock, ...			" 6.60
Rent of House in Chester, ...		$50.00	
Less 2 Years Taxes, ...	$5.00		
Attorneys Fees, ...	10.00		
Expenses going to Chester, . .	1.	16.00	34.00
Bal. as per Report Oct^r. 16^th, 1843, ...			21.45
			$525.93
Of this Sum the Trustees have invested in Gas Loans,			"373.23
Leaving Balance, ...			152.70

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All of which is respectfully Submitted by your Committee.
Phil., Sept$^{r.}$ 2^{d,} 1844. Signed. J. Allen,
Jn$^{o.}$ Bradley,
Committee.

The following resolution was offered and on motion duly made and Seconded, was adopted, "viz:"

Resolved, that it be recommended to the Trustees of the Charity Fund to confine the charity which they dispense to females & children entitled to aid under Masonic Rules and that the Sum of One hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the trustees from the charity Fund of the Grand Lodge for Charitable purposes.

The Committee of Finance made the following report which was read and accepted, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report a Statement of the receipts and payments by the R. W. Grand Treasurer for and on account of the Grand Lodge for the Quarter ending the 30th of June, 1844.

Receipts.

From Hall Com. for Rent 3^{d} St. Hall, ...	87.50		
For Lodge Dues & Rent, .	500.44		
" Dispensations, &c., . .	100.00	$687.94	
" Rent of Chestnut St. Hall, . .		1073.75	$1,761.69

Payments.

For Int. on Bond and Mortgage to Est. of J. C. Fisher, ...		$200	
" Ex. 3^{d} St. Hall, Gas, . . .	76.81		
White washing, .	15.00		
Papering Hall, .	35.55	"127.36	
" Printing Masonic addresses, ...		305.27	
" Binding 350 copies do.,		95.22	
" Expenses Chestnut St. Hall. For commissions to Sup$^{t.,}$.	80.52		

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For Current Expenses, .	58.22		
" Gas, . .	138.99	277.73	
For Salaries to G. Treasurer,		50.	
" " " G. Secretary,		200.	
" " " " Tyler, .		52.50	$1,308.08
Receipts Exceeding payments, ...			$ 453.61
Balance in Hands of Treasurer March 31, 1844,			$1,921.48
" " " " " June 30, "			"2,375.09
			$ 453.61

Signed. Geo. Smith,
Geo. D. Haswell,
Alexr. E. Dougherty,
Committee.

Phil., Septr. 2nd, 1844.

The following Report was read, viz:

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned to whom was referred the petition of a number of Brethren to re-enter upon the warrant, Jewels, &c., of Lodge No. 144, at Lewisburg, Union County, Penna. and to reopen the same, Respectfully Report,

That the duty has been attended to and on the 17th day of May, 1844, the R. W. Grand Master Issued his dispensation to proceed & reorganize the Said Lodge, and on the 20th of June, 1844, the Grand Secretary received returns shewing the revival and reorganization of Lodge No. 144 at Lewisburg, Union County, Pa., on the 13th of June, A. L. 5844, with Seven Members, Officers included.

Your Committee offer the following Resolution, "to wit:"

Resolved, That the proceedings be approved and the Committee discharged.

Phil., Septr. 2d, 1844.

Signed. Wm. Barger,
Wm. H. Adams,
Committee.

Which report was accepted and the Resolution adopted.

The R. W. Grand Stated that since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge it had pleased the supreme ruler of the universe to summon from his earthly labours our well beloved Bro. Charles Schnider, who for the last Twenty Years acted as

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Grand Tyler of this Grand Lodge, by this dispensation of divine providence we are deprived of a brother who was a sincere friend, a prudent counsellor and a firm and Steadfast supporter of the principles of the order.

The following preamble and Resolutions were then offered by the Grand Secretary and unanimously adopted, "viz:"

Whereas it has pleased divine providence to remove from amongst us (on the 28th of June, 1844, in the 52d Year of his age) our worthy and beloved brother Charles Schnider, Tyler of this, the Grand Lodge of Penna.

Be it therefore Resolved, that we deeply sympathise with the family of our deceased brother in the sudden and Melancholy loss they have sustained in the death of one whose virtues gained for him the general good will and whose prompt discharge of duty insured for him the confidence of the brethren.

Resolved, That the Jewels of this Grand Lodge be clothed in Mourning for the remainder of the Masonic Year as a mark of respect to the memory of our late Grand Tyler.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to convey to the Family of our deceased brother a Copy of the foregoing Resolutions.

The R. W. Grand Master then Announced that he had appointed Bro. William B. Schnider, Grand Tyler for the remainder of the Masonic Year.

Communications were received from the following Grand Lodges, "viz:"

Grand Lodge of Maryland, Ohio, New York, Indiana, the Territory of Florida, & Iowa.

Which on motion were referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9 Oclock.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

PHILA., Monday, December 2nd, 1844, 5844.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

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Present:

Bro.	William Barger,	R. W. Grand Master.
"	James Page,	" D. G. M.
"	Peter Fritz,	" S^r. G. W.
"	William Whitney,	" J^r. G. W.
"	John Thomson,	" G. Treas^r.
"	William H. Adams,	" G. Sec^y.
"	William W. Smith,	" D. G. Sec^y.
"	A. Bournonville,	S^r. G. Deacon.
"	John Bradley,	J^r. G. Deacon.
"	Peter Van Peltz,	G. Chaplain.
"	Jacob Steiner,	" Sword Bearer.
"	Tho^s. B. Florence,	" Marshall.
"	E. P. Lescure,	" Pursuivant.
"	Jo^s. R. Chandler, }	R. W. P. G. Masters.
"	C. Stevenson, }	

Lodges Represented.	Names of Brethren.
No. 2,	Richardson, Guillou, Flick.
" 3,	Page, Skerrit, Martin, Thomson, Heysham, Hatfield S^r, Colloday, Carlin, King, Florence, Moore, M^cKaraher, Loughead, M^cCulloch.
" 9,	Creasy, Stone.
" 19,	Haswell, Bradley, Griscom, Childs, Patton, Parke, Smith, Thornly.
" 43,	Kerfoot.
" 51,	Thomson, Whitney, Israel.
" 52,	Clement, Winters, Long, Thomas.
" 59,	Gandy, Adams, Smith, Handy, Kneass, Storm, Dickson, Shumway, Davenport.
" 67,	Simpson, Deckline, Wagner, Smith, Jones, Van Osten, Weeks, Baugh, Reese.
" 71,	Thomson, Meyers, Golden, Frismuth, M. Hyneman, L. Hyneman, Phillips, Levestein.
" 72,	Alter, Coleman, Clinton, Molan.
" 91,	Mitchell, Manning, Henniss.
" 114,	Thomson, Krider, Kelly, Coburn, Baxter.
" 115,	Black, Diamond, M^cCloud, Haines, Shultz, Dougherty.
" 121,	Vaux.

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No. 125, Bournonville, Aichternacht, Steiner, Hanlen, Wollenweber, Behler, Mehterns.
" 130, Westcott, McGrath, Lescure, Chandler, Shultz, Clements, Pascall, Stevenson, Brown, J. R. Chandler.
" 155, Gaul, Larrentree, Martin, Fritz.
" 158, Roberts, Barrington, Barnstead, Ewing, Oliver, Taylor.
" 186, Smith, Fletcher, Barrington, White.
" 187, Hilt, Weithyme, Wallis, Coates, Hickey, Knight.
" 211, Page, Dorlan, Cartwright.

Proxies. No. 22, 43, 62, 82, 108, 138, & 218.

28 Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 15 Minutes past 6 Oclk. P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication Septr. 2nd, 1844, were read and adopted.

The following Communication was received, read & ordered to be placed upon the Minutes, viz:

Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

Rt. Worsh. Wm. H. Adams, Grand Secy. Grand Lodge of Penns.

Brother,

I have been instructed by the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York to return to the M. W. G. Lodge of Penns. their thanks for the present of a copy of the M. W. Bro. Joseph R. Chandlers addresses to the Lodges of his Jurisdiction which was received by the Grand Lodge of New York at their Quarterly meeting on the 4th Inst. as an evidence of fraternal regard & consideration.

I have therefore to request Rt. W. Brother that you will communicate the same to your Grand Lodge.

I am fraternally Yours,
James Herring,
G. Sec. G. L. N. Y.

The following Communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, viz:

Office of Grand Secretary.
Zanesville, Octor. 30th. A. L. 5844.

At the Stated Meeting of M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, held at Lancaster on the 20th of Octor., A. L. 5843, the annual Com-

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munication of the Most Worshipful Grand Master dated at Philad$^{a.}$ Octo$^{r.}$ 14$^{th.}$ 1843, was received and read to the Grand Lodge, after the usual reference on motion of the R. W. W^{m} B. Thrall the Grand Lodge unanimously adopted the following resolutions, "Viz:"

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to our Brother the Most Worshipful William James Reese, now of the City of Phil. for the able, dignified and useful Manner in which he administered its government for the last seven Years and that the Grand Sec$^{y.}$ certify a copy of this resolution to Bro. Reese under the Seal of the Grand Lodge and an other Copy to the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

The foregoing is certified to be a true Copy of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal of the Grand Lodge at Zanesville this thirteenth day of October, A. L. 5844.

John T. Arthur, G. Sec$^{y.}$
Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Brother Joseph R. Chandler rose and said R. W. Brother referred to in the Communication just read had distinguished himself in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio by assiduity and Zeal in the cause of our order and in support of its excellent principles and had born with dignity its honours and discharged with fidelity the duties of the first Office in that Jurisdiction and was therefore as a mason entitled to the high respect of this Grand Lodge. He is a native of Philad$^{a.}$ and has again returned to reside under the limits and authority of this Grand Lodge and as such becomes specially entitled to our consideration, a title enhansed by Commendations and Expressions of regard from a Sister Grand Lodge so respectable as that of Ohio.

I therefore R. W. G. Master move that the Communication from the Grand Lodge of Ohio be entered at length on the Minutes of this Evenings proceedings & that a Copy of the Resolutions be sent to the R. W. William J. Reese.

The following communication from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was read and on Motion duly seconded, was ordered to be recorded on the Minutes, viz:

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Grand Lodge of the State of Tennessee.
Stated Grand Communication.

Nashville, Octo$^{r.}$ 10$^{th.}$ 5844.

Extract from the Minutes.

The committee on Foreign correspondence beg leave to Report that they have had laid before them a Work entitled "Masonic Discourses" by P. G. M. Jo$^{s.}$ R. Chandler presented to this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$ and recommend the adoption of the following Resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the very beautiful and appropriate present with which we have been honoured.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary communicate this Resolution to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The above resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Signed. John S. Dashiel,
Grand Secretary.

Communications were received from the following Grand Lodges and on Motion duly Seconded, were referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, viz:

Proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Texas, New Hampshire, Kentuckey, & Connecticut.

A Communication was received from Bro$^{s.}$ Thomas Spankenberg & David Arnold late of Freedom Lodge, No. 147, praying the Grand Lodge to Grant them a certificate to enable them to become members of any Lodge they may wish to Join.

When on motion duly made and Seconded, it was resolved, that the application be referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A Communication was received from Lodge No. 61, at Wilkesbarre, Pa., enclosing a Copy of By Laws adopted Oct$^{r.}$ 7$^{th.}$ 1844.

Which on motion were referred to the Committee on By Laws.

The Communication further Stated that By a unanimous vote of the Lodge the place of Meeting was changed from the present Room, at the corner of Franklin & Union Streets, to the Room in the third Story of the Store of Bro. E. W. Reynolds situate in Main Street a few doors below the Public Square.

A Communication was received from Bro. A. B. White of Pottsville, respecting the situation of Pulaski Lodge, No. 216,

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and asking for a remission of dues owing by said Lodge to the Grand Lodge previous to 1843, with the understanding, that any amount that may be collected from Bro. Henry Neleigh's Estate amounting to over one hundred dollars shall be paid to the Grand Lodge for such remission of back dues.

Also asking permission to hold a special meeting to admit as members such brethren as apply in the regular way by petition.

When on motion duly made and Seconded, it was

Resolved, That the dues be remitted and the request granted as petitioned for.

A Communication was received from Lodge No. 2, requesting permission to hold the Stated Meetings of said Lodge after St. Johns day, on the third Monday of the Month instead of the Second Friday, and in the Grand Lodge Room.

Also that article 1st of By Laws reading Second Friday be so altered as to read Third Monday.

When on Motion duly made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Request of Lodge No. 2, be granted.

A Communication was received from St. Johns Lodge, No. 115, asking the Grd. Lodge to Sanction the Alteration made in the By Laws to enable said Lodge to hold her stated meetings on the Second Monday instead of the first Wednesday as heretofore.

Also for permission to Meet in the Grand Lodge Room.

On Motion duly made and Seconded, the proceedings of Lodge No. 115, were approved and the request granted.

The following report was received, Read and adopted, viz: To the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The undersigned to whom was referred the petition of a number of Brethren to re-enter upon the Warrant, Jewels, &c., of Lodge No. 194, at Selins Grove, Penna. and to reopen the same.

Respectfully Report: That the duty has been attended to and on the 24th day of July the R. W. Grand Master Issued his dispensation to proceed & Reopen and reorganize Said Lodge and on the 17th day of October, the Grand Secretary received returns shewing the reopening and revival of Lodge No. 194, at Selins Grove, Penna. on the 15th of October, 5844, with Twelve Members, Officers included.

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Your committee offer the following Resolution, "viz:"

Resolved, that the proceedings be approved and the Committee discharged.

Signed. Wm. Barger,
Wm. H. Adams,
Committee.

Phil., Decr. 2d. 1844.

A Petition was received from Bro. Henry David a member of the late Lodge No. 126, praying the Grand Lodge to Grant him a Grand Lodge certificate.

Which on motion was referred to the Grand Secretary with power to act.

The following report from the Committee of Finance was received, read and adopted, "viz:"

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance Respectfully report a Statement of the Receipts and Payments by the Grand Treasurer for and on account of the R. W. Grand Lodge for the quarter ending September 30th. 1844.

Receipts.

From	Lodges for dues & Rent, &c., .	$587.39	
"	Mark Lodge No. 91, . . .	" 57.00	
"	Hall Comee. for Rent, . . .	"125.00	
"	Supt. Chestnut St. Hall, . .	"832.92	
"	Grand Secretary for Disp., &c., .	96.50	$1698.81

Payments.

For Int. to holders of Loans, &c., ...	$1439.74		
" do. do. do., .	150.00		
" Int. do. Gas Loan,	6.39	$1596.13	
Expenses 3rd St. Hall, viz:			
For Gas, ...	57.19		
" Carpet, ...	61.20		
" Floor Oil Cloth, . .	136.13		
" Upholstery, . . .	122.76		
" Gas pipes, &c., . .	69.54		
" Wall Paper, . . .	63.50		
" Painting, . . .	68.50		
" Taxes, ...	253.80		
" Coal, ...	63.00		

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For Hose repaired, . .	3.12		
" Brooms, ...	3.52		
" Spittoons, . . .	3.00		
" Printing, ...	42.00		
" Plastering, . . .	3.50	950.76	
Expenses Chestnut St. Hall.			
For Commiss. to Supt., .	$ 68.15		
" Current Expenses, .	51.59		
" Taxes, ...	" 493.50		
" Gas, ...	56.19	669.43	
For Salaries, viz:			
Grand Secretary, . .	200.		
" Treasurer, . .	50.		
" Tyler, . .	40.50	290.50	$3506.82
Amount of Payments Exceeding receipts, . . .			"1808.01
Cash Bal. in hands of Treasr. June 30,		2375.09	
" " " " " " Sept. 30,		567.08	1808.01

Phil., Novr. 31st, 1844.

Signed. George Smith,
George D. Haswell,
Alexr. E. Dougherty,
Committee.

Bro. James Page presented a Communication from Mrs. C— N— praying the Grand Lodge to grant her assistance. When on Motion duly Seconded, it was Resolved, to refer the communication to the Trustees of the Charity Fund with power to act.

The Grand Treasurer rose and stated that J. De Biberry one of the Tennants of the Chestnut Street Hall was considerably in arrears for rent and requested the Grand Lodge to instruct him in the premises.

When on Motion the subject was referred back to the Grand Treasurer with power to act as he may think proper in the matter, using such moderation as the case may justify.

This being the evening appointed by the rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge for the Annual Election of its Officers. The Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot for the same, when it appeared that the following Brethren were duly reelected, viz:

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Bro. William Barger,	R. W. G. Master.
" James Page,	R. W. D. G. Master.
" Peter Fritz,	R. W. Sr. G. Warden.
" William Whitney,	R. W. Jr. G. Warden.
" John Thomson,	R. W. Grd. Treasr.
" William H. Adams,	R. W. Gr. Secy.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded To Elect by ballot Five Trustees of the Girard Bequest when it appeared that the following Brethren were duly reelected, viz:

Bro. Samuel H. Perkins. Bro. Enos S. Gandy.
" Bayse Newcomb. " Alexander Diamond.
" Samuel Badger.

Bro. James Page offered the following Resolution, which on Motion was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Hall Committee be authorized and instructed to cause a suitable recess or niche to be made in the wall at the head of the Stairs leading from the Main entrance for the reception of the figure of charity lately presented to the Grand Lodge. Such recess to extend as far as may be necessary into the Committee room.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock.

William H. Adams,
Secretary.

Saint John Day, PHILADA., Friday, December 27th, 5844.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. William Barger,	R. W. G. Master.
" Peter Fritz,	" D." Do.
" Wm. Whitney,	" " Sr. G. Warden.
" A. Bournonville,	" " Jr. G. Warden, p. t.
" John Thomson,	" " G. Treasurer.
" Wm. H. Adams,	" " G. Secretary.
" John W. McGrath,	Sr. G. Deacon, p. t.
" John Bradley,	Jr. G. Deacon, p. t.
" Thos. B. Florence,	Grd. Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner,	" Sword Bearer.
" Henry G. Smith,	" Pursuivant.
" Jos. R. Chandler,	P. G. Master.

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Lodges Represented.	Names of Brethren.
N° 2,	Richardson.
" 3,	Skerrit, Moore, Florence, Heisham, M^cKaraher, M^cCulloch.
" 9,	Creasey, Robinson, Stone, Dorsey.
" 19,	Childs, Thornly, Bradley, Smith, Park, Griscom.
" 45,	M^cKinley.
" 51,	Whitney, Bouvier, Bender.
" 52,	Winters, Thomas.
" 59,	Smith, Adams, Storm.
" 67,	Simpson, Korkersperger, Reese.
" 71,	Golden, Myers, M. Hyneman, Laws.
" 72,	Speering, Barger, Coleman.
" 91,	Henniss.
" 114,	Housekeeper, Kelly, Krider, Spackman.
" 115,	Diamond, Archambault.
" 125,	Bournonville, Buehler, Steiner, Hahnlen.
" 130,	M^cGrath, Lescure, Riley, Chandler, Jo^s R. Chandler.
" 155,	Gaul, Martin, Fritz, English.
" 158,	Moore, Oliver.
" 187,	Fries, Knight, Hilt, Coates.
" 211,	Page, Dorlan, Bennett.

Proxies No. 22 Whitney, 43 Barger, 62 Chandler, 82, 108, 138 Adams, 201 Riley, 218 John Thomson.

28 Lodges Represented Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at half past Ten O'clock in the Morning.

So much of the Minutes of December 2^nd as relates to the Election of Officers was then read.

A Communication was received from Brother Francis M^c-Clure, Charles Ritz and Robert M^cNeal Members of the late Lodge No. 203, at Lewistown, Mifflin County, Penns^a., asking for the revival and reorganization of Said Lodge, also to exonerate said Lodge from all dues up to the time of reorganization.

Which on motion duly made and Seconded, was referred to the Grand Master & Grand Secretary with power to act.

A Communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

Which on motion duly made and Seconded, was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

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A Copy of the By Laws of Charity Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 144, was received and referred to the Committee on By Laws.

General Returns were received from the following Lodges. Read and ordered to be filed, Viz:

No. 2. No Suspensions nor expulsion.
" 3. No Suspensions nor expulsion.
" 72. No Suspensions nor expulsion.
" 114. Returning D— B— as Suspended for non payment of Dues.
" 130. Returning R— F—, D— D. G—, H— H— and D— B. P— as suspended for Non payment of Dues.
" 148. No Suspension or Expulsions.
" 158. Returning G— J— as Expelled for non payment of dues and J— W. C—, M— H—, W— E—, M— D— as suspended for N. P. of dues.
" 187. Returns C— S—, M. D., J. M—, W— O—, W— P—, J— M^{c}C—, V— H—, S— S— as suspended for non payment of Dues.
" 211. Returns P— F— as Expelled for unmasonic conduct, J— O— & J— D— as suspended for non payment of dues.

The following Communication was received and read from D. D. Grand Master Bro. Joseph Kingsberry, viz:

Sheshequin, Bradford C$^{y.}$ Pa.

William H. Adams,

R. W. G. Sec$^{y.}$ of the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

Dear Sir & Brother,

I have not much of importance to communicate to the Grand Lodge at the close of the Masonic Year.

I have not had a single application for a dispensation of any kind, I must say too that Masonry has not excited as much interest this Year in this quarter, as usual. The whirlwind of politics has absorbed all things else, but what of neccessity had to be attended to, this whirlwind has now passed South, and it is hoped that a more healthy and better state of feeling will shew itself especially as the climate in our latitude will doubtless have a tendency *to cool the passions* of the excited.

In conclusion I must beg leave to decline a reappointment as Dis$^{t.}$ D. G. Master. I have outlived the bounds set for the

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general or common age of man—being over three score years and ten—and have been a mason over half a century, and the most of the time, an active one. I believe therefore that I may justly claim a *Sabbath of rest* from my labours. But that the R. W. G. Master may not be at a loss to provide a Substitute in my place, I would respectfully take leave to recommend Bro. Samuel Hustin as a Suitable person to fill the vacancy. Bro. Houstin is a zealous Mason and a very bright one and I flatter myself he would discharge the duties attached to the Office with propriety, in this belief I subscribe myself. Respec^{y} & fraternally

Your fr^{d} & Bro.

Joseph Kingsberry.

When on motion duly made and Seconded, the following Preamble and Resolutions, were adopted, viz:

Whereas, Bro. Joseph Kingsberry Dist. Deputy Grand Master for the Counties of Susquehanna, Bradford, Tioga and Luzerne has signified his desire not to be reappointed to that station in consequence of his advanced age.

Therefore Resolved, That this Grand Lodge receive with deep regret the determination of Bro. Kingsberry declining a reappointment, and that we accord to him on his retirement our thanks for the long, faithful and correct manner in which he has watched over the interests of Masonry under his jurisdiction.

Resolved, that the Elective Officers of the Grand Lodge be a committee to convey to him a Copy of the above Resolutions.

Those present who were not Past Masters having withdrawn, Bro. William Barger R. W. G. Master Elect was duly installed in Ancient and Solemn form and being duly proclaimed received the accustomed & cordial Salutation of the brethren.

Whereupon the brethren who had withdrawn were readmitted and the following Grand Officers Elect were then severally Installed into their respective offices in ancient & solemn form and being duly proclaimed received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the brethren, to wit:

Bro. Peter Fritz, R. W. S$^{r.}$ Gr$^{d.}$ Warden.

" William Whitney, R. W. J$^{r.}$ G. Warden.

" John Thomson, R. W. Gr$^{d.}$ Treas$^{r.}$

" William H. Adams, R. W. Gr$^{d.}$ Sec$^{y.}$

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The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to make the following appointments, viz:

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Bro. Samuel Houston of Towanda, in place of Bro. Joseph Kingsberry (who declined re-appointment) for the Counties of Bradford and Tioga.

Bro. Robert Moderwell of Lancaster, for the County of Lancaster.

Bro. William B. Potts of Orwigsburg, for the County of Schuylkill.

Bro. Joseph Stichter of Reading, for the County of Berks.

Bro. Christian P. Gummert of Brownsville, for the Counties of Fayette & Greene.

Bro. James M. Porter of Easton, for the Counties of Lehigh & Northampton.

Bro. John Birmingham of Pittsburg, for the County of Allegheny.

Bro. Benjamin Parke of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin & Lebanon.

Bro. George C. Welker of Sunbury, for the Counties of Northumberland, Union and Columbia.

Bro. Henry Pettibone of Wilkesbarre, for the Counties of Luzerne, Susquehanna & Wyoming.

Bro. John J. Allen of Honesdale, for the Counties of Wayne and Pike.

Grand Chaplains.

Bro. Rev$^{d.}$ John Chambers, Peter Van Pelt, John B. Clemson, Orson Douglas, John J. Kerr, John L. Burrows, Henry Ducachet, (Samuel Ashton of Reading) Ezra S. Ely.

Grand Deacons.

Bro. Anthony Bournonville, Sen$^{r.}$ G. Deacon.
" Thomas B. Florence, J$^{r.}$ G. Deacon.

Grand Sword Bearer.

Bro. Jacob Steiner.

Grand Marshal.

Bro. C. C. Williams.

Grand Stewards.

Bro. Lambert Keating.
Bro. John J. Krider.

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Grand Pursuivant.

Bro. Henry G. Smith.

Grand Tyler.

Bro. William B. Schnider.

Trustees of the Charity Fund.

Bro. Jacob Alter.
Bro. John Bradley.
Bro. John Allen.
Bro. Tobias Buehler.
Bro. William E. Ewing.

Committee of Finance.

Bro. George Smith.
Bro. George D. Haswell.
Bro. Alex$^{r.}$ E. Dougherty.
Bro. G. G. Westcott.
Bro. George H. Oliver.

Committee of Correspondence.

Bro. George Griscom.
Bro. D. C. Skerrit, John W. M^{c}Grath.

Committee on By Laws.

Bro. John M. Read, William H. Adams, James Hutchinson.

Committee to Examine the transactions of the last Year & Select for publication.

Bros. E. W. Keyser, Sam$^{l.}$ Davis, William Clinton.

Hall Committee.

Bro$^{s.}$ Charles M^{c}Karaher, Robert Patton, John C. Smith.

Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund.

Bro$^{s.}$ James Richardson, Robinson R. Moore, William Haslam, George K. Childs, Michael Bouvier, John Thomas, James R. Dickson, James Simpson, W$^{m.}$ B. Schnider, John M^{c}Cloud, Richard Vaux, Jacob Steiner, Joseph S. Riley (in place of Bro. Jo$^{s.}$ R. Chandler who declined a reappointment) John Allen, John D. Moore, Edm$^{d.}$ Barrington, James Hickey, John Page.

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The Grand Secretary with the approbation of the Grand Lodge appointed Bro. W^m. W. Smith of No. 59, Deputy Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at a ¼ to 12 O'clock, M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

Monday, February 3rd, 1845, A. L. 5845.

Grand Lodge of Penns^a. Special Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. William Barger,	R. W. G. Master.
" James Page,	" Dep^y. do.
" Peter Fritz,	" S^r. G. W.
" W^m. Whitney,	" J^r. G. W.
" John Thomson,	" G^d. Treas.
" W^m. H. Adams,	" " Sec^y.
" E. S. Ely & J. L. Burrows,	Gr. Chap^n.
" A. Bournonville,	S^r. G. Deacon.
" Thomas B. Florence,	J^r. " Do.
" E. P. Lescure,	Gr^d. Marshall.
" Henry G. Smith,	" Pursuivant.
" Jo^a. R. Chandler,	} Past G. Masters.
" C. Stevenson,	

Lodges Represented.

N° 2, Richardson, Samuels, Gumple.
" 3, Heisham, Desilver, Carlin, M^cKaraher, Webb, Thomson, Skerritt, Florence, Moore, Taylor, Dorris.
" 9, Creasey, Robinson, Dorsey, Stone, Martin, M^cMullin.
" 19, Bradley, Smith, Lybrandt, Thornly, English.
" 51, Whitney, Thomson.
" 52, Winters, Patton, Thomas.
" 59, Adams, Middleton, Scott, Storm, Shumway.
" 67, Weeks, Simpson, Fields.
" 71, Smith, Hyneman, Van Collum, L. Hyneman, Golden.
" 72, Barger, Stevenson.
" 91, Manning, Henniss, Hart.
" 114, Benner, Krider, R. C. Krider, Baxter.
" 115, Archambault, Shultz.

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N° 121, Vaux, Levistein.
" 125, Bournonville.
" 130, M^cGrath, Lescure, J. R. Chandler, Riley, Clemens.
" 155, Fritz, Martin.
" 158, Hamilton, Barnstead, Oliver.
" 186, Zeigler.
" 187, Coates.
" 211, Page, Dorlan.
Proxies, No. 22 Bro. Whitney, 43, Bro. Barger, 62 Bro. Chandler, 82, 108, 138, Bro. Adams, 201, Bro. Riley, & 218 Bro. Thomson.

29 Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 6½ O clock, P. M.

The following visitors were admitted.

Bro. Alex^r Christellar & Moses Steinberger of Lodge No. 2, George Bilger No. 3, George Lendrim N° 9, W^m Wilson N° 45, James B. Bags late of 51, Edwin S. Elfelt No. 71, Henry Bruner No. 114, Ja^s B. Chandler No. 130, John P. Levy & Ja^s Shields No. 158, James Jordan No. 187.

All but Past Masters having retired Bro. James Page, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master elect being present was duly Installed into office, and being duly proclaimed received the accustomed Salutations of the Craft.

The Brethren who had retired were again admitted.

Communications were received from the Grand Lodges of Missouri & Rhode Island, and on motion duly made and seconded, were referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

The following was received from Lodge No. 125, viz:

Stated Meeting of Hermans Lodge, No. 125, held January 24^th. 5845.

When on motion duly made and Seconded, it was resolved,

That the Grand Lodge be respectfully petitioned for permission to hold an election for Junior Warden at our next stated meeting. The Junior Warden Elect having resigned from the Lodge.

Extract from the Minutes.

Attest: Anthony Bournonville,
Louis Grosholtz, Sec^y. Worshipful Master.
Phil., Feb^y. 3^d. 1845.

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On motion duly made and seconded, permission was given as petitioned for.

The following returns were received, read and ordered to be filed, viz:

No. 9. Returns W— R— as suspended for non payment of dues.

" 19. Returns C— A. C— and J— S. W— suspended for Non payment of dues.

" 21. Harrisburg. No Suspensions or Expulsions.

" 45. Returns J— S—, J— S— and J— F—, Suspended for Non payment of dues and J. R. J—, Expelled for unmasonic conduct.

" 51. Returns J— H. S— as suspended for non payment of dues.

" 59. Returns no suspensions or Expulsions.

" 61. Wilkesbarre. " " " "

" 71. " " " " "

" 82. At Milford, Pike Co., " " "

" 91. No Suspensions or expulsions.

" 138. Otwigsburg returns J— E—, W— S. H—, G— G—, A— H—, Suspended for non payment of dues.

" 155. Returns J— S. P—, J— L—, J— J. N— & I— W— as suspended for non payment of dues & the reinstatement of Moses Felleman.

" 186. Returns C— D—, E— K—, J— T— as suspended for non payment of Dues.

" 194. At Selins grove. No suspensions, &c.

" 197. At Carlisle. " " "

" 216. " Pottsville returns R— M^{c}D—, D— B. H—, F— W. H—, J— T. H— as suspended for non payment of dues.

The following report was received, read and proceedings approved, viz:

To the Grand Lodge of Penns^{a}.

The undersigned a Committee to whom was referred a communication from Bro. Thomas Spankingburg and David Arnold late of Fredom Lodge, No. 147, praying the Grand Lodge to grant them a certificate to enable them to become members of any other Lodge they may wish to Join.

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Respectfully report: That they have attended to the duty assigned them and after careful deliberation unanimously adopted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish Bro. Thomas Spankingburg and David Arnold late of Freedom Lodge, No. 147, each with a certificate setting forth that the Grand Officers to whom the Subject had been referred by the Grand Lodge at the last Grand Communication, had removed the impediment to his becoming a member of any other Lodge he may feel disposed to Join.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. Wm. H. Adams, John Thomson, William Barger, Jas. Page, Peter Fritz,

Committee.

Phil., Febv. 3d. 1845.

The following report from the President of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund was Read and after discussion was ordered to be laid over to the Quarterly Grand Communication in March, viz:

To William Barger, Esqr., R. W. G. M., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge.

The Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund Respectfully report that upon their appointment they met and organized according to the Rules adopted by the Grand Lodge and in the performance of their duties during the Third and Fourth quarters of 1844 they received the applications of twenty one brothers who upon strict enquirey were found worthy and such relief extended to them as their necessities required and the funds would warrant, amts. to, ... $300.00

To which add amt. expended for Books, &c., . . " 40.00

Total Amount expended, ... "340.00

Leaving a balance of, ... "260.00

Applicable to charitable purposes during the 1st and 2nd quarters of 1845.

The Stewards finding it requisite to have a permanent place for holding their meetings and the Meetings of the Committees made an arrangement with the Hall committee for the room lately occupied by the Grand Secretary for six months at a rent of Fifteen dollars per quarter, commencing on the 1st of

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December last, which is respectfully submitted for the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

Signed. R. R. Moore,
P. B. of Stewards.

The following report from the Hall Committee was received and read, "viz:"

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns[a]

The Hall Committee Report that Since their last Communication in September, they have deemed it necessary from the deplorable appearance of the Main entrance to the Hall and the refreshment Room to have them renovated. The wood work and vestibule at the entrance has been painted and walls coloured and ceiling whitewashed, which gives them a more lively Appearance. The fire proof room in the front of the Hall they have fitted up for an office for the Grand Secretary and the room which was occupied by him they have rented to the Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund at Sixty Dollars Annum commencing on the 1[st] of December, 1844, for the purpose of holding their Meetings in. The beautiful Statue of Charity sent to the Grand Lodge from Rio De Janeiro by Bro. Petuck, through the R. W. Past Grand Master Bro. Jo[s] R. Chandler; the Committee have placed on a Pedestal at the head of the stairs leading from the Main entrance. There has been some unavoidable repairs attended to about the building. All the disposeable apartments of the Hall are now occupied and the Rents regularly received.

The Cellars have just changed Tenants by Messrs Borie & Bohlen giving them up and Mr. Emil Mathews taken them on the same terms of $150 per Annum for the two, for the purpose of storing liquors.

That your Committee have incurred some considerable expense to the Grand Lodge this year which has been from actual necessity, believing that the Grand Lodge will justify them for what has been done, as neatness and cleanliness is commendable to all bodies but more particularly to Masons.

The receipts for Rents this Year has been $371 $\frac{84}{100}$ which has been duly handed over to the Grand Treasurer as per accounts given to the Grand Secretary accompanying this report and have passed bills Amounting to $1310 $\frac{87}{100}$ vz: Taxes

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$253\frac{88}{100}$, Gas 261.17, Fuel $70, Renovating $633.41, Sundries $92.49, All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Charles McKaraher.
John C. Smith.
Robert Patton.

Phil., Decr. 27th, 1844.

When on Motion duly made & Seconded, the consideration of the report was postponed until the Quarterly communication in March next.

The following was presented and read by Past Grand Master Bro. Josa. R. Chandler, "viz:"

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, Wardens, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Brethren,

The petition of the undersigned elective officers of Lodge Number 3, respectfully represents.

That it becomes our duty especially to address you in relation to a certain entry made in the Minutes of Said Lodge whereby it appears that an individual was entered, passed and raised on the evening of the 21st of January by virtue of a dispensation granted by the R. W. G. Master.

That said entry was made after the act had been performed under wholy mistaken information or misapprehension of fact and your petitioners feeling but illy at ease under inputations which may have been cast upon them but which they solemnly depricate most earnestly implore your august Body to sanction said entry.

Your petitioners are honestly emboldened to ask the Sanction of this Grand Lodge from the fact that they and all who were concerned in the work in question, could never be conciencciously accused, by any brother of harbouring the least design to make a mason in a clandestine Manner, to obliterate a single land mark, or Violate a particle of an obligation.

We regret the occurrence but all concerned are willing to avow before God and man that they acted under the impression that they were working uprightly and faithfully as men, as brethren and so subscribe ourselves.

Brethren, Yours truly and faithfully,

Wm. S. Heyshenn, W. M.
Samuel Taylor, Sr. W.
James G. Dorris, Jr. W.

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When on motion duly made and Seconded, the Communication was refered to three Past Grand Masters and the Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following Bro$^{s.}$ viz: P. G. Master Joseph R. Chandler, Samuel H. Perkins, Bayse Newcomb.

A Communication was received and read from Mr. T. Schmitz respecting the figure of charity.

Which was on motion duly made and seconded, laid over.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at Fifteen Minutes after 8 Oc.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

Monday, March 3rd, 1845, A. L. 5845.

Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$ Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. William Barger,	R. W. G. M.
" James Page,	" D. G. M.
" Peter Fritz,	" S$^{r.}$ G. W.
" William Whitney,	" J$^{r.}$ G. W.
" John Thomson,	" G. Treas.
" W$^{m.}$ H. Adams,	" " Sec$^{y.}$
" James E. Richardson,	Dep$^{y.}$ " "
" Anthony Bournonville,	S$^{r.}$ G. D.
" John W. M^{c}Grath,	J$^{r.}$ G. D., p. t.
" James Simpson,	Gr$^{d.}$ Marshall.
" Jacob Steiner,	" S. Bearer.
" Henry G. Smith,	" Pursuivant.
" Samuel H. Perkins,	P. G. Masters.
" Joseph R. Chandler,	

Lodges Represented.	Names of Brethren.
No. 2,	Richardson, Samuels, Gumple.
" 3,	Skerrit, Page, M^{c}Culloch, Taylor, M^{c}Karaher, Martin, Moore, King, Thomson, Loughead.
" 9,	Creasey.
" 19,	Bradley, Smith, Griscom.
" 51,	Thomson, Whitney, Israel, Bouvier.
" 52,	Clement, Thomas, Simons, Patton.

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No. 59, Adams, Middleton, Shumway, Dickson, Scott.
" 67, Simpson, Conrad, Reese.
" 71, Frismuth, Hyneman, L. Hyneman, Golden, Vancollum.
" 72, Barger, Alter, West.
" 91, Manning, Hart, Henniss, Perkins.
" 114, Benner, Thomson, R. C. Krider, J. J. Krider.
" 115, Shultz, Archambault, Diamond, Hermes, Black, M^{c}Cloud.
" 125, Bournonville, Aichternacht, Steiner, Scheida.
" 130, Lescure, M^{c}Grath, Chandler, Riley, Clemens, Sleeper, Easby, Shultz.
" 155, Martin, Larrentin, Gaul, Dohnet.
" 158, Hamilton, Ewing, Oliver.
" 186, Zeigler.
" 187, Hickey.
" 211, Page, Dorlan, Smyth, Sanger, Cartwright.
Proxies, No. 22 W^{m} Whitney, 43 W^{m} Barger, 62 Jo^{s} R. Chandler, 82, 108, 138 W^{m} H. Adams, 201 Bro. Riley, 218 Bro. Thomson.

Twenty Eight Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at half past Six O'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication Dec$^{r.}$ 2nd 1844 were read and on Motion were adopted.

On Motion the following Brethren were admitted as "visitors," viz:

Bro. A. M. Cristellar, Henry Wilkinson of N^{o} 2, Richard Leach, George Bilger, Ge^{o} B. Meteor of N^{o} 3, Bro. Jacob Randall of N^{o} 9, Bro. Alex$^{r.}$ M^{c}Cammon of No. 45, Bro. Peritz Freidenburg 71, Washington Heimberger No. 211, Nathan W. Patch 111 Va.

The Minutes of the Annual Communication Dec$^{r.}$ 27$^{th.}$ 1844 were read and on motion adopted.

The Minutes of the Special Grand Communication February 3$^{rd.}$ 1845, were read and on motion were adopted.

A Petition was received and read from a number of Brethren Residing in Washington, Penns$^{a.}$ asking for the revival and Reorganization of Lodge No. 164 formerly held at that place, also that all dues owing at the time that the Warrant was vacated be remitted.

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Which was on motion referred to the Grand Master & Grand Secretary with power to act.

A Petition was also received from a number of Brethren residing in Pittsburg for the revival of Lodge No. 165, formerly held at that place also that all dues owing at the time the Warrant was vacated be remitted.

Which was also refered to the R. W. G. Master & Grand Secretary with power to act.

Communications were received from the Grand Lodge(s) of the District of Columbia, New Jersey, Virginia, the State of Alabama.

The following Report from the Committee of Finance was Received, read and approved,

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns^{a}. The Committee of Finance respectfully report a Statement of the receipts and payments of the Grand Lodge of Penns^{a}. for the quarter ending December 31st. 1844, viz:

Receipts.

For Lodge dues & rents & Rents from Chapters, .	$682.34
" Rents from Hall committee, ...	" 77.50
" " Chestnut St. Hall, ...	2355.50
" Insurance premium returned by Inland Ins. Comp^{y}.	237.50
" Dispensations, &c., from G. Secretary, . .	30.00
	$3382.84

Payments.

For Int. on Bonds & Mortgage to J. C. Fisher, ...	$200.00	
" " " " " " G. W. Biddle,	"330.00	
" " " Loans, ...	30.00	
	$560.00	
Masonic Hall 3rd St., viz:		
Gas, ...	$ 55.01	
Colouring walls paper & hang., &c., ...	48.37	
Carpet, ...	" 12.16	
Painting, ...	" 36.25	
Repairs & current Expenses, .	" 98.35	$250.14

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Salaries, viz:			
Grand Treasurer, . . .	$ 50.00		
" Secretary, . . .	"200.00		
" Tyler, ...	" 45.00	$295.00	
Chestnut St. Hall, viz:			
Commissions on receipts, .	$170.09		
Current expenses, . . .	"175.71		
Coal, ...	" 51.00		
Taxes, ...	"169.20		
Gas, ...	"125.87	$691.87	$1797.01
Amt. of receipts exceeding payments, ...			$1585.83
Cash bal. in hands of Treas$^{r.}$ Oct. 1$^{st.}$ 1844,		567.08	
" " " " " " Dec$^{r.}$ 31, "		2152.91	1585.83

Phil., Feb$^{y.}$ 27$^{th.}$ 1845.

Signed. George Smith,
George D. Haswell,
Alex$^{r.}$ E. Dougherty,
Committee.

The following report from the Trustees of the Girard Bequest was received, read and adopted, "viz:"

To the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest submit the following report.

That by their last report dated March 4$^{th.}$ 1844, the Cash in Bank to the credit of the Trustees was, . . $1576.41

That there has been received since that time the sum of, ... 1627.80

From the following Sources, to wit:

5844, Aug$^{t.}$ 28$^{th.}$	Dividend on 149 Shares 6 per ct. M. Loans due July 1$^{st.}$ 1844, ...	$ 447.00
" " "	Int. on 6000 M. debt @ 5 pr. ct. due July 1$^{st.}$ 1844, . .	" 150.00
" Dec$^{r.}$ 13.	Dividend on 102 Shares F. & M. Bk. Stock, ...	" 138.00
5845, Jan 13.	Dividend on 149 Shares 6 p. ct. Masonic Loans, . . .	" 447.00
	6 Mos. Int. on 6000 M. Debt a 5,	" 150.00

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5845, Jan. 13.	12 Mos. Int. on 3964.16 certificate of Masonic Debt @ 6 p. ct., ...		" 237.84
5845, Feb^{y}. 26.	6 Mos. Int. on $776.32 state 5st due Feb^{y}. 1, 1844, . .		$ 19.41
	Do. Do. Aug^{t}. 1, 1844, .		" 19.41
	Do. Do. Feb^{y}. 1, 1845, .		" 19.41
			$1628.07
	Less discount on relief notes, .		27
			1627.80
	Brot. forward, ...		$3204.21

Of this Amount there have been paid the following sums, to wit:

5844, July 16th.	Grand Treasurer for Stewards of the Girard bequest, .	$150.00	
" 18 Octo^{r}.	do. do. do.,	"170.00	
1845, Jan^{y}. 13.	do. do. do.,	"280.00	
		600.00	
The Trustees have also purchased 6 Shares Masonic Debt of 1820, Certificates N^{o}. 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 & 63 par,		603.00	
Making a total of, ...			$1203.00
Leaving a balance of, ...			2001.21

in Bank to the credit of the Trustees.

The Fund now Consists of the following Securities, to wit:

102 Shares Farmers & Mechanics Bank Stock.
3 do. do. Kensington do. do.
155 Shares Masonic Loan & Debt @ 6 p. ct.
60 " " " " 5 " "
1 Certificate of Debt (Masonic) for 3964.16 @ 6 p. ct.
1 Do. " $776.32, 5 p. ct. Loan of Penns^{a}.
1 Do. 19.41, 6 p. ct. " " "

Cash in Bank Two thousand and one dollars and $\frac{21}{100}$, all of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. Alex^{r}. Diamond, B. Newcomb,
J. Badger, Samuel H. Perkins,
Trustees.

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The following report from the Trustees of the Charity Fund was received and on Motion duly made and seconded, the report was adopted. The Resolution attached thereto was also adopted, viz:

To the Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Trustees of the Charity Fund respectfully report that the effects in their (hands) charge consists of

17 Shares M. L. @ 100 e. a. is, ...	$1700.00
4 certificates of debt of this G. L., ...	"1791.24
11 Shares S. Loan Valued at $8.00, ...	88.00
Bal. in hands of Jn°. Jones former Treasurer who thus far has not paid over any part since the Surrender of the office of Treasurer, . . .	" 248.67
Bal. in the Hands of the present Treasurer Bro. Jn°. Bradley, ...	" 157.44
Amount in all to, ...	$3985.35

There is also a House and lot in Chester worth about Four hundred dollars the Title papers for which are in the hands of your Trustees.

Your Trustees have distributed for charitable purposes 100 Dollars under the resolution of this Grand Lodge of the 2nd of Septr. last for the exclusive benefit of the Widow and the Orphan, but they feel themselves compelled to call upon the Grand Lodge for an additional sum of *Fifty* dollars, to enable them to relieve some few remaining very urgent cases of distress, which it is their desire in part to ameliorate, they therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Charity Fund be permitted to dispense, for charitable purposes, an additional sum of Fifty dollars under the resolution of this Grand Lodge Septr. 2d last.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Jacob Alter,
Chairman of the Trustees.

General returns were received from the following Lodges and ordered to be filed, viz:

From Lodges No. 60, at Brownsville, Pa., returning the rejection of H— P—.

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From Lodge No. 115, returning the Suspension of M— F. A— for N. P. of dues.

" Do. " 125, returns G. H— & C. F. S— as suspended n. p. d.

" Do. " 153, at Waynesburg, Green Co., Pa. No suspensions or expulsions.

The Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred a Communication from the Officers of No. 3 reported progress and were continued.

Bro. George W. Patton announced in a very feeling and appropriate manner the Death of Bro. John Goodman an old and much valued Past Master of Harmony Lodge, No. 52.

The Report of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund (presented at the special Communication Feb^{y}· 3^{d}· 1845) was called up when on motion duly made & Seconded, was adopted.

When Bro. Joseph S. Riley Offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge remit the charge made by the Hall Committee to the Stewards of the Girard Bequest for the Rent of the Room lately occupied by the Grand Secretary and that that Room be occupied by the Stewards without charge.

Bro. Jn^{o}· W. M^{c}Grath offered the following Amendment which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, that the Stewards of the Girard Bequest occupy the Committee Room in place of the room heretofore occupied by Grand Secretary.

Past Grand Master Bro. Jo^{s}· R. Chandler then moved to strike out all after the words resolved and substitute the following which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge remit the charge made by the Hall committee to the Stewards of the Girard Bequest for the Rent of the room lately occupied by the Grand Secretary and that a room be furnished by the Hall Committee to the Stewards of the Girard Bequest without charge.

The report of the Hall Committee which was presented at the Communication held February 3^{d}· 1845, was called up and on Motion duly made and Seconded, was adopted.

The Communication of Mr. T. Schmit respecting the fig. of charity was called up and read & Bro. Joseph R. Chandler

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made a few explanatory remarks, when on motion the Communication was laid on the Table.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 9 O'clock.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

Inserted by direction of the Grand Lodge at Quarterly communication June 2nd, 1845.

To the R. W. the G. M. of Penns. and the G. Officers of the G. L. of Penns$^{a.}$

Worshipful Sir & Brethren,

At the recent Grand visitation to Lodge No. 3 the Worshipful Master of said Lodge used the occasion in an improper manner and gave expression to unbefitting Sentiments.

Having made this acknowledgment, he is constrained to ask the forgiveness of the R. W. The Grand Master of Penns$^{a.}$ and of the Grand officers of the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

Believe me to remain
Worsh$^{l.}$ Sirs & Brethren
Yours fraternally,
Signed. W. Sayre Heysham,
W. M. of No. 3.

Monday, April 7th, 1845, A. L. 5845.

Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$ Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Br$^{o.}$	William Barger,	R. W. Gr$^{d.}$	Master.
"	James Page,	"	D. G. M.
"	Peter Fritz,	"	Sr. G. W.
"	William Whitney,	"	Jr. G. W.
"	John Thomson,	"	" Treas.
"	William H. Adams,	"	" Sec$^{y.}$
"	A. Bournonville,	Sr. G.	Deacon.
"	Jn$^{o.}$ W. McGrath,	Jr. "	Do.
"	Ja$^{s.}$ Simpson, P. T.,	Gr$^{d.}$	Marshall.
"	Jacob Steiner,	"	S. B.
"	Henry G. Smith,	"	Pursuivant.
"	C. Stevenson and Jo$^{s.}$ R. Chandler,	Past Grand	Masters.

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Lodges Represented.

N° 2, Richardson, Samuels.
" 3, Page, Heysham, Carlin, Moore, Doriss, M^cKaraher, Thomson, English.
" 19, Smith, Bradley.
" 51, Thomson, Whitney, Israel.
" 59, Adams, Davenport, Middleton, Storm.
" 67, Simpson, Kockersperger, Smith, Field, Vanosten, Resse.
" 71, Hyneman, Frismuth, Golden, Vancollum.
" 72, Barger, Stevenson, Coleman.
" 91, Manning, Henniss, Nagle.
" 114, Benner, Coburn, Krider.
" 115, Archambault, M^cCloud, Shultz.
" 121, Vaux.
" 125, Bournonville, Steiner, Archambault.
" 130, Jo^s R. Chandler, M^cGrath, Lescure.
" 155, Fritz, Martin, Dohnert.
" 158, Oliver, Barnstead.
" 187, Hilt, Hickey.
" 211, Page, Dorlan, Sanger.
" 216, White.
Proxies, Whitney 22, Barger 43, Chandler 62, Adams 82, 108, 138, Thomson 218.

Twenty seven Lodges represented.

The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 7½ o'c., P. M.

General returns received from Lodges No. 43, at Lancaster, & N°. 52, at Phil^a. on motion were ordered to be filed.

Lodge No. 43, returns John M. Heller as reinstated April 10, 1844, and T— C. W—, C— F—, W— M—, E— B—, J— A—, I— W—, G— K—, A— F. O—, C— S—, D— H—, S— J. Y—, J— M—, G— W—, J— B—, C— K— as suspended for non payment of dues.

The following report from the Committee of By Laws was received and adopted, viz:

To the Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

The Committee on By Laws respectfully report that they have examined the By Laws of Lodge N°. 61, and respectfully

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recommend their adoption after striking out of article 1st the following words, viz: "who must receive the degree of a Past Master" and out of article 2nd the words "the like shall be done in case of Mistake."

Respectfully submitted.

Wm. H. Adams & James Hutchinson.

The following was also received and Read from the Committee on By Laws & adopted, viz:

The Committee on By Laws respectfully reports that they have examined the By Laws of Charity Lodge, No. 114, and recommend their adoption after striking out of article 2nd the following words, viz:

(with the consent of the Lodge) as to the Worshipful Master belongs the appointment of all officers not Elective. See A. R. page 157.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. Wm. H. Adams,
Jos. Hutchinson,
Committee.

Communications were received from the Grand Lodge of Illinois and Arkansas and were refered to the Committee on Correspondence.

The following was received, read and adopted, viz:

To the R. W. G. M., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsa.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Worshipful Master and Wardens of Lodge No. 3.

Respectfully Report: That the petitioners request the Grand Lodge to Sanction an entry in the Minutes of Lodge No. 3 by which it appears that John L. Tafts was entered, passed and raised in that Lodge on the evening of the 21st of January, 1845, by virtue of a dispensation granted by the R. W. G. Master.

From the petition itself as well as from the evidence laid before the Committee it appears that the said entry is incorrect & being so it cannot be sanctioned by the Grand Lodge.

When a Lodge is about to E. P. & Raise a man by virtue of a dispensation, or in the presence of the Grand Master by his order, it is the duty of the Lodge before proceeding to see that they are in possession of the dispensation, or that the Grand

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Master is himself present in the body of the Lodge causing it to be done.

From the evidence before the Committee it appears that the Lodge was not at the time in possession of a dispensation nor was the Grand Master then in the Lodge. Of course the proceedings of the Lodge on that occasion was irregular and incorrect and John L. Taft was not then regularly E. P. & Raised in that Lodge.

Nothing has appeared before the Committee to shew that the Lodge knowingly, or intentionally, erred in what they did.

John L. Taft has since been regularly made a mason in that Lodge.

And under the circumstances your committee offer the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the foregoing report be accepted and the Committee discharged.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. J. R. Chandler, }
Phil., April 7, 1845. B. Newcomb, } Chairman.

Bro. Joseph R. Chandler offered the following Resolution which on motion duly made and Seconded, was adopted, viz:

Resolved, that there be added to the list of Standing Committees of the Grand Lodge a Committee on Land Marks, to consist of three Members of this body, who shall be appointed immediately on the adoption of this resolution and thereafter to be appointed and announced with the other standing committees of the Gr$^{d.}$ Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bro$^{s.}$ P. G. Masters B. Newcomb, J. R. Chandler & Samuel H. Perkins. Said Com$^{e.}$ at the Request of Bro. J. R. Chandler, Bro. B. Newcomb was appointed Chm$^{n.}$ of said Com$^{e.}$

A Communication was received and read from a number of brethren residing in Chambersburg, Penns$^{a.,}$ Petitioning for the revival and reorganization of George Washington Lodge, No. 143, at Chambersburg, Penns$^{a.,}$ and for the remission of all dues owing by said Lodge to the Grand Lodge.

Which Petition on Motion duly made and Seconded, was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

On Motion duly made and Seconded the following Brethren were admitted as Visitors, "viz:"

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R. Leach, George Bilger, John Robinson, Thos G. Potter of N° 3, Henry Barth N° 48, D. J. Cochran N° 51, Edwin S. Elfelt & Saml Stein of N° 71, William F. Kummer N° 72, P. Churchill Boudinant Lodge N° 90, Tenn., John H. Casey N° 91, Lewis Lang N° 187.

Bro. William Whitney offered the following resolution which was on motion duly made and seconded, adopted, viz:

Resolved, That Lodge No. 51 be authorized to Elect and Install a Secretary at their next Stated Meeting. The office having become vacant by the death of Brother Oscar F. Harriss the late incumbent.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 8¼ O'c., P. M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

PHIL., Monday, May 5th, 1845, 5845.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Special Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	William Barger,	R. W. G.	Master.
"	James Page,	" " D. G.	"
"	Peter Fritz,	" " Sr. G.	Warden.
"	John W. McGrath,	" " Jr. G.	Do.
"	John Thomson,	" " G.	Treasurer.
"	William H. Adams,	" " G.	Secretary.
"	William W. Smith,	" " D. G.	Do.
"	Peter Van Pelt.	" " G.	Chaplains.
"	John J. Kerr,		
"	Anthony Bournonville,	Sr. G.	Deacon.
"	E. P. Lescure,	Jr. G.	Deacon.
"	James Simpson,	Grand	Marshall.
"	Jacob Steiner,	"	Sword Bearer.
"	Robinson R. Moore,	"	Pursuivant.
"	Joseph R. Chandler,	Past G.	Masters.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,		
"	Bayse Newcomb,		

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Lodges Represented.	Names of Brethren.
No. 2,	Flick, Samuels, Gumple.
" 9,	Creasey.
" 19,	Bradley, Patton, Childs.
" 51,	Thomson, Israel, Bender, Bouvier.
" 52,	Long.
" 45,	Richard Cowan of Pittsburg.
" 59,	Adams, Storm, Smith, Watson, Davenport.
" 61,	H. Pettibone. D. D. G. M.
" 67,	Simpson, Smith, Reese, Jo^{s} Hutchinson.
" 71,	Vancollum, M. Hyneman, Myers, Golden, Frismuth, Phillips.
" 72,	Alter, Stevenson.
" 91,	Henniss, Hart, Manning.
" 114,	Thomson, J. J. Krider, & Krider.
" 115,	Archambault, Diamond, Shultz, M^{c}Cloud, Newcomb, Humes.
" 121,	Vaux, Davis, Flanigan.
" 125,	Steiner, Bournonville.
" 130,	M^{c}Grath, Lescure, Riley, Shultz, Chandler, Easby.
" 155,	Martin, Fritz, English, Larrentree.
" 158,	Moore, Ewing, Julius Barnstead, Oliver.
" 186,	Barrington, White.
" 187,	Coates.
" 211,	Page, Langer, Dorland.
Proxies	43 Barger, 62 Chandler, 82, 108, 138 Adams, 201 Riley, 218 Thomson.

27 Lodges represented, the Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 7½ O'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master Stated that he had convened the Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying before them offers received by the Grand Officers for the purchase of the Hall in Chestnut Street.

The following propositions were then read, viz:

To William Barger, Esq$^{r.}$

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

Dear Sir,

I am authorized to offer for the real Estate now owned by the Grand Lodge on Chestnut Street between 7 & 8$^{th.}$ Seventy

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five Thousand dollars taking it subject to the Mortgage now on it the balance to be paid in Cash.

Very respectfully Yours,

Phil., April 28, 1845. Signed. Peter Fritz.

Phil., April 21st. 1845.

James Page,

Dr. Sir,

The following proposition is made by Gentlemen of this City, viz:

They propose to give the Grand Lodge a mortgage for $85,000 upon the Masonic Hall.

Or in other words they give a Mortgage for $25,000 Subject to $60,000 and give undoubted Security for improving said Lot. Such Security as you shall be satisfied with.

The parties who make this offer do not intend purchasing themselves they therefore ask for all they may realize over and above the $85,000 and they further ask that no Member of the Grand Lodge or Member of the Committee shall in any way interfere with their operations but shall refer all persons to Mr. Patton or Myself their object is to ask a larger price than we have been asking in hopes of realizing a profit. If this sale is made we shall expect our commission.

Yours respectfully,

Signed. Geo. Wood.

Robt. Patton.

If the above proposition is satisfactory the proper officers will please certify to the fact by signing this instrument.

When on Motion of Bro. James Page the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That a Committee of Seven brethren be appointed to take into consideration the propositions submitted for the purchase of the Hall in Chestnut Street & report thereon at the next Quarterly communication, or if deemed expedient by them at a special meeting of the Grand Lodge to be convened for that purpose.

The Right Worshipful G. M. was pleased to appoint the following committee, viz:

Bros. Bayse Newcomb.	Richard Vaux.
Jos. R. Chandler.	Jas. E. Richardson.
Saml. H. Perkins.	John W. McGrath.
R. R. Moore.	

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Bro. John Thomson asked permission to make a statement in relation to the renting of one of the Rooms in the Chestnut St. Hall.

When on motion permission was given.

Bro. Thomson stated that some time since The Sons of Temperance rented the N. W. Room and that they had not signed the agreement for the renting thereof and refused so doing. He therefore asked instructions from the Grand Lodge how to proceed.

When on Motion of Bro. James Page the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That a committee of Three be appointed to examine into the facts connected with the leasing of a room in the Hall in Chestnut Street to the Sons of Temperance and report thereon at the next quarterly communication.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bro^{s}. James Page, C. Stevenson, Bayse Newcomb.

During the Evening the following brethren were on Motion admitted as visitors, viz:

Richard Leich & Hiram Scarborough of Lodge N^{o} 3, R. M. Maddock of N^{o} 21, W^{m} F. Kummer No. 72, Wash^{n} Hunsberger No. 115, William Cooper 155, James Jordan 187, Edw^{d} Muldoon N^{o} 211.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 20 Minutes to 9 O'clock.

W^{m} H. Adams.
Grand Secretary.

Monday, June 2nd. 1845, A. L. 5845.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. W$^{m.}$ Barger,	R. W. G. Master.
" James Page,	" D. " Master.
" Peter Fritz,	" S$^{r.}$ G. Warden.
" William Whitney,	" J$^{r.}$ G. Warden.
" John Thomson,	" " Treasurer.
" W$^{m.}$ H. Adams,	" " Secretary
" James E. Richardson,	Dep. G. S.
" Anth$^{y.}$ Bournonville,	S$^{r.}$ G. D.

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Bro. John W. McGrath, Jr. G. D. (P. T.)
" James Simpson, Grd. Marshall.
" Jacob Steiner, " Sword Bearer.
" H. G. Smith, " Pursuivant.
" Chandler, Stevenson, & Perkins, } R. W. P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented.

No. 2, Richardson, Samuels.
" 3, Moore, Taylor, Skerritt, Thomson, McCulloch, Page, McKaraher, Loughead.
" 9, Creasey.
" 19, Smith, Bradley.
" 51, Thomson, Whitney, Israell, Bouvier.
" 59, Adams, Middleton, Davenport.
" 67, Simpson, Van Osten, Field, Jones, Reese, Baugh.
" 71, Vancollum, Frismuth, Golden, Hineman, Myers.
" 72, Barger, Alter, Grigg, Coleman, Stevenson, West, Thompson.
" 91, Hart, Henniss, Manning, Perkins.
" 114, Thomson, Benner, R. C. & J. J. Krider.
" 115, Black, Diamond, Welsh, McCloud.
" 121, Davis, Flanigan.
" 125, Steiner, Bournonville.
" 130, McGrath, Lescure, Chandler, Riley.
" 155, Fritz, Dohnert. Martin, English.
" 158, Oliver.
" 186, Barrington.
" 211, Dorlan, Page.

Proxies Whitney No. 22, Barger No. 43, Chandler No. 62, Adams No. 82, 108, 138, Riley 201, Thomson 218.

26 Lodges represented, the Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication March 3rd, 1845, were read and on Motion were amended by inserting the Letter from the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 3, which was read at the time but not placed on the Minutes by direction of the R. W. Grand Master.

When on motion the Minutes were adopted as amended.

The Minutes of the adjourned quarterly Grand Communication April 7th were read and adopted.

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The Minutes of the Special Grand Communication May 5th were read and adopted.

Rt. Worshipful Bro. Jos. R. Chandler, P. G. Master, announced the Death of the R. W. & Revd. James Milnor, Past G. Master of this Grand Lodge, and having made an eloquent and feeling allusion to the Masonic & civic virtues of the distinguished deceased, offered the following preamble & Resolution, which were unanimously adopted, viz:

It is Meet and proper that an institution formed for the good of Mankind and that looks for the extension of its usefulness and the luster of its fame to the lofty virtues and pure character of its Members, should regard with special observation the course of those who are distinguished in their connexions therewith by elevated station, and, while it will rejoice at their well being and well doing, it will be no less ready to mourn the providence that separates their connexion or that removes the one from those duties whose discharge made his brightest fame and deprives the other of the beauty of his example and the advantage reflected from his connexion, and in an especial manner should this Grand Lodge, that claims respect for the purity of its creed and the saltary influence of its practice, mourn the loss of one whose life illustrated that creed and whose active virtues made a part of that practice.

Therefore Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hears with deep regret of the Death of the Revd. James Milnor, D. D., R. W. Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Penns^{a}. whose services in the various stations he was called to fill in this institution, are remembered with pleasure & gratitude, and whose good fame abroad has been part of the Jewels of the order.

Resolved, That while the Grand Lodge mourns its loss in a distinguished member and Masonry deprived of one who has done honor to the Institution, the sympathies of the brethren now assembled are especially and most affectionately tendered to the bereaved family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a token of respect for his memory and gratitude for the distinguished services of the R. W. & Revd. James Milnor, D. D., P. G. M., the Jewels of the Grand Lodge be hung in black for the remainder of the Masonic Year.

Resolved, That an attested copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of our deceased Brother.

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A Communication was received from Thomas C. Miller requesting the Grand Lodge to remit the amount of dues standing against him on the Books of Lodge No. 200, when it closed its Labours and for permission to join Cumberland Star Lodge at Carlisle.

When on motion duly made and Seconded, it was resolved, that the request of the petitioner be complied with.

A Communication was received and read from the Secretary of Lodge No. 152 at Easton, Pa., representing the affairs of said Lodge in an embarrassed situation and strongly appealing to the Grand Lodge for a remission of Dues up to December 27th, 1844, believing if it is not done that they will be compelled to throw up the Charter.

When on motion of P. G. Master Bro. Samuel H. Perkins, it was resolved, that the Communication be referred to Bro. Jas. M. Porter, R. W. D. D. G. Master with instructions to report to the Grand Lodge in relation to the situation of Lodge No. 152 at Easton.

A revised Copy of the By Laws of Lodge No. 22 was presented and referred to the committee on By Laws.

The following report was read and accepted and the Resolution adopted, "viz:"

To the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

The undersigned to whom was referred the petition of a number of Brethren to reenter upon the Warrant, Jewels, &c., of Lodge No. 164 at Washington, Penns$^{a.}$, & to reopen the same.

Respectfully Report: That the duty has been attended to, and on the 24th day of March last the R. W. G. M. Issued his dispensation to proceed & reopen & reorganize said Lodge, and on the 24th day of May the Grand Secretary rec$^{d.}$ returns shewing the revival of Lodge No. 164 at Washington, Penns$^{a.}$ on the 14th day of April, 1845, A. L. 5845.

Your committee offer the following Resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the proceedings be approved & the committee discharged.

Signed. Wm. Barger,
William H. Adams,
Committee.

Phil., May 31, 1845.

The following was presented by Bro$^{a.}$ Ge$^{o.}$ B. Kerfoot & James Regan of Lancaster, viz:

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At a meeting of Lodge No. 43, held at their Hall on Wednesday Evening, April 9th, 1845, the following Resolution was adopted, viz:

On Motion Resolved, That Bro. Geo. B. Kerfoot and James Regan be and are hereby appointed a committee to proceed to Philadelphia at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge to confer with them in relation to the indebtedness of Lodge No. 43.

I hereby Certify the above to be a true copy of resolution as adopted by Lodge No. 43, April 9th, 1845, and do hereby affix the seal of the Lodge this second day of June, 1845.

[L. S.] Signd. Chas. C. Ihling,
Secretary.

When on motion of Bro. James Page R. W. D. G. M. the above was laid on the Table until the other business is disposed of.

A Communication was received and a portion read from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, detailing her proceedings at the Annual Communication held in January, 1845, and on Motion duly made and Seconded, was referred to the Committee on Land Marks.

Communications were received from the following Grand Lodges and on motion were referred to the Committee of Correspondence, viz:

Grand Lodge of Texas, Wisconsin, Georgia, Maryland, Louisiana, & Florida.

General Returns were received from Lodge No. 135, at Manayunk. No Suspensions, rejections or Expulsions, ordered to be filed.

Bro. Robinson R. Moore president of the Stewards of the S. G. Charity Fund offered the following resolution which on motion was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars of the interest monies now in the hands of the Trustees of the Girard Bequest be and is hereby appropriated for distribution during the Year commencing the 1st of July next and that the same be drawn by the R. W. G. M. and placed at the disposal of the Stewards of the S. G. Charity Fund in accordance with the regulations adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The Communication from Lodge No. 43, which was laid upon the Table was called up.

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When Bro^{s}. Kerfoot & Regan, The Com^{e}. from No. 43, Stated that from the embarrassed circumstances of the Lodge they feared that if the Grand Lodge insisted on the payment of their indebtedness the Lodge must close, and made a strong appeal for a remission of all dues owing by said Lodge to the Grand Lodge up to Dec^{r}. 27th. 1844.

When on Motion of P. G. M. Bro. Samuel H. Perkins, It was resolved, that the dues owing by Lodge No. 43, at Lancaster be remitted up to S^{t}. Johns day, 1844.

The Committee appointed to examine into the facts connected with the leasing of a room in the Chestnut St. Hall to the Sons of Temperance—Reported progress—The Committee continued.

The Committee to take into consideration propositions submitted for the purchase of the Chestnut Street Hall—Reported progress—Committee continued.

On Motion the following brethren were admitted as Visitors, viz:

Richard Leich No. 3, F. Morano Lodge No. 10, S. C., Ge^{o} Godfrey, Ralph Benjamin, No. 23, N. Y., W^{m} F. Kummer No. 72, Wash^{n} Heimberger No. 115, John Smith No. 187, Edw^{d} Muldoon No. 211.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at a ¼ before 1 O'clock.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

Monday, July 7th, 1845, A. L. 5845.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Special Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	William Barger,	R. W.	G. Master.
"	James Page,	"	D. G. M.
"	Peter Fritz,	"	S^{r}. G. W.
"	W^{m}. Whitney,	"	J^{r}. G. W.
"	John Thomson,	"	G. Treas^{r}.
"	W^{m}. H. Adams,	"	" Sec^{y}.
"	W^{m}. W. Smith,	"	D. G. do.
"	A. Bournonville,	"	S^{r}. Deacon.
"	Tho^{s}. B. Florence,	"	J^{r}. Deacon.

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Bro. Jn°. L. Burrows, G. Chaplain.
" C. C. Williams, Grand Marshal.
" Henry G. Smith, " Pursuivant.
" B. Newcomb,
" Saml. H. Perkins, } P.G. Masters.
" Jos. R. Chandler,

Lodges Represented.

No. 2, Keating, Desilver, Florence, Samuels, Gumple, Richardson, Collins.
" 3, Moore, Page, McCulloch, Florence, Skerritt, English, Desilver, Dorriss, McKaraher, Colloday.
" 9, Dorsey, Stone.
" 19, Lybrand, Smith, Bradley, Childs, Haswell, Thornly.
" 51, Thomson, Whitney, Nisbit, Israel.
" 52, Simons, Long, Thomas.
" 59, Adams, Smith, Watson, Maull, Middleton.
" 67, Simpson, Smith, Deckline, Reese, Baugh.
" 71, Myers, Vancollum, Golden, Hyneman.
" 72, Barger, West, Thomson, Williams, Johnson, Grigg, Diller, Molan.
" 91, Mitchell, Hart, Manning.
" 114, Thomson, Spackman, Benner, Kelly, Krider, Boyd, Coburn.
" 115, Welsh, Newcomb, Archambault, Shultz, Dougherty, Ward.
" 121, Vaux, Levistein.
" 125, Bournonville, Wollenweber, Aichternacht.
" 130, Clemens, Chandler, Sleeper, Easby, Pascal, Westcott, Shultz.
" 155, Fritz, Martin, Bacon.
" 158, Hamilton, Barnstead, Ewing.
" 186, Zeigler, Barrington, Smith, White.
" 187, Wallace.
" 211, Langer, Dorlan, Page, McKinney.

Proxies No. 22 Wm Whitney, No. 43 Wm Barger, No. 62 Jos R. Chandler, No. 82, 108, 138 Wm H. Adams, 218 John Thomson.

27 Lodges Represented, the Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at half past Seven o'clock.

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P. G. Master Bro. Jo$^{s.}$ R. Chandler rose and stated to the Grand Lodge that during his sojourn in Boston he had received extraordinary marks of attention from his Masonic Brethren there, who assigned him as a Member of this Grand Lodge an honourable place in the ceremonies attending the placing a Monument on Bunker Hill by King Solomons Lodge of Charlestown, Mass$^{s.}$ to the Memory of Grand Master Warren who fell on that hight in 1775.

When on Motion of Deputy Grand Master Bro. James Page, it was

Resolved, That P. G. M. Brother Chandler be requested to reduce his statement to writing and that the same be spread upon the Minutes, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to King Solomons Lodge of Charlestown, Mass., and to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mass. for the courtesy shewn to the P. G. M. of this Grand Lodge on the occasion referred to.

Agreeably to the resolution P. G. M. Bro. Jo$^{s.}$ R. Chandler furnished the following, viz:

Right Worshipful Grand Master.

As this is a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge you will not probably desire to call the attention of the Brethren to the immediate object of the Meeting until those already announced as in the antichamber shall have received your permission to enter. I will with your permission occupy a moment of the spare time of this body by a reference to a Masonic Solemnity in which I have had the honour of participating in an other Jurisdiction since the last Communication of this Grand Lodge.

King Solomons Lodge of Charlestown, Massachusetts, sometime after the death of Gen$^{l.}$ Warren on the 17th of June, 1775, erected a Monument to that great Martyr of Liberty on, the spot where he met his death, the Summit of Bunker Hill.

Gen$^{l.}$ Warren was the Grand Master of the State of Massachusetts.

Some Years since a Society anxious to give some more imposing evidence of public feeling obtained permission to remove the beautiful column which the Masons had erected to their Grand Master and place in its stead a lofty Monument—conceeding to King Solomons Lodge the right to place within its

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enclosure a model of that which was to be displaced by the more imposing shaft. The Great Monument having been completed King Solomons Lodge caused a model of their former Monument to be prepared and fixed on S$^{t.}$ John the Baptists day 24 of June to instal it in its place, with appropriate ceremonies.

Having accepted an invitation I presented myself in the regalia of P. G. Master of the Masons of Penn., but not as the authorised representative of this Grand Lodge, and was respectfully and fraternally received by King Solomons Lodge. In the splendid procession to Bunker Hill I was placed as an honoured guest of the Grand Lodge of Mass$^{a.}$ and was distinguished by attendants and a Staff suited to my Station.

In the Festival which followed the Solemnities of the day, Solemnities every way worthy our brethren of the East, I was honored by the M. W. G. Master, who presided over the feast by special notice and the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$ was remembered with the affection and Respect due to her worth and exalted standing.

Aware R. W Sir that I owd my Masonic distinction to my relation to this R. W. body I received the honors conferred as due to my brethren here and intended for them and sought to make my unauthorised representation of Penns$^{a.}$ Masons expressive of the affection in which they are held by me and of the fraternal regard in which they hold there brethren of the East.

It is not my intention R. W. Sir to give a detailed account of the proceedings at Charlestown on St. Johns day, they will be supplied to us all hereafter, but it was my desire as it is my duty to make known to this Grand Lodge whatever concerns her honor abroad, in which I may have had part and to assure her of the brightness of that chain with which she is united to her Sister Institutions, assuring you R. W. Sir and the brethren generally that, while I did not feel formally authorised to present myself to K. Solomons Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts as the representative of this dignified body, I nevertheless feel happy at being the means through which those and other masonic institutions express respect for the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$ while it is no less my duty than my pleasure to lay on the altar of this Grand Lodge all the honor

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and distinction which in the absence of other of her Members were on that occasion bestowed on me.

The R. W. Grand Master rose and said as follows:

Officers and Brethren, I have caused the Grand Lodge to be convened at this time in consequence of the death of Major General Andrew Jackson, Ex President of the United States, and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Tennessee.

Our brother was a man who justly merited the highest office in the gift of a Free People, he was twice elected by them President of the United States and received the noblest honors which it was in the power of the Free Masons in the state in which he resided to bestow, he devoted a long life to the best interests of the Republic, and at the close of it exhibited a love for his country only surpassed by his love for his creater.

He lived an honor to the Masonic Fraternity and being now dead, his name is added to the long list of great and good men, who during their lives were members of our order. Let full respect therefore be paid to his memory.

Past Grand Master Bro. Bayse Newcomb then offered the following Resolutions which were on motion duly made and seconded, adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Members of this Grand Lodge received the inteligence of the death of their late brother Andrew Jackson, late R. W. P. G. Master of the State of Tennessee, with unfeigned Sorrow.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge Room be hung with black and the Jewels of the Grand Officers be put in Mourning until S$^{t.}$ Johns day next and that the Members wear crape on their left arm for thirty days.

On Motion of Bro. Richard Vaux it was Resolved, That the preamble and Resolutions be transcribed and sent to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee and also to the family of the Deceased.

On Motion duly Seconded the following Brethren were admitted as Visitors during the Evening, viz:

R. E. Welsh no. 2, John Spear, Ja^{s} Daidis No. 3, Ge^{o} Lindium No. 9, I. D. Bird, R. E. Hodges No. 19, A. S. Green No. 51, Ed^{w} Houston, W^{m} Chalmers, E. P. Barrington No. 59, R. E. Hacket No. 72, I. H. Bell, Nathan Strong No. 91, Jn^{o} Milligan 115, Lewis M. Lowe, Sam^{l} M^{c}Ghee No. 158,

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Alex[r] Russell No. 186, Sam[l] S. Wartman 211, S. Teller No. 1, Wilmington, N. C., J. W. Hastell No. 16, Ohio, Ge[o] Schwartz No. 68, Baltimore.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at ¼ past 8 O clock.

William H. Adams.
Grand Secretary.

PHIL., Monday, September 1st, 5845.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Brother	William Barger,	R[t]. W. G. Master.
"	James Page,	" Dep[y]." "
"	Peter Fritz,	" S[r]. G. W.
"	William Whitney,	" J[r]. G. W.
"	John Thomson,	" G. Treas.
"	William H. Adams,	" G. Sec[y].
"	James E. Richardson,	Dep. G. Sec[y].
"	Anth[y]. Bournonville,	S[r]. G. Deacon.
"	Tho[s]. B. Florence,	J[r]. G. Deacon.
"	C. C. Williams,	Gr[d]. Marshall.
"	J. D. Moore,	" Pursuivant.

Lodges Represented.

No. 2, Samuels, Gumple, Richardson.
" 3, Taylor, M[c]Culloch, Florence, Thomson, Dorris, Carlin, Moore, Heysham, Skerritt, Desilver, Martin.
" 9, Creasey.
" 19, Childs, Bradley, Haswell, Thornly, Park.
" 51, Thomson, Whitney, Bouvier, Israel.
" 52, Patton, Long.
" 59, Adams, Dickson, Scott, Gandy, Davenport.
" 62, Jo[s] L. Stichter.
" 67, Hutchinson, Simpson, Reese, Wagner, Smith.
" 71, Myers, Vancollum, Hyneman, Phillips, Golden.
" 72, Williams, Molan.
" 91, Manning, Henniss, Hart.
" 114, Benner, Thomson, Kelly.
" 115, Dougherty, Diamond, Humes, Welsh.

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No. 121, Vaux.
" 125, Bournonville, Aichternacht, Dreeves.
" 130, McGrath, Easby, Clement.
" 155, Fritz, Martin.
" 158, Moore, Hamilton, Julius.
" 186, Smith.
" 187, Wallis, Hickey.
" 211, Page, Cartwright.
Proxies Whitney for N° 22, Barger for 43, Adams for 82, 108 & 138, Thomson for 218.

28 Lodges represented, the Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 7 o'c., P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication June 2nd were read & on Motion duly Made and Seconded, were adopted.

The Minutes of the Special Communication July 7th, 1845, were read and on Motion duly Made and Seconded, were adopted.

The Grand Secretary stated that he had prepared and forwarded to the Family of our Deceased Bro. P. G. Master Milnor a Copy of Preamble & Resolutions as directed in Quarterly Grand Communication June 2nd; Also that he had forwarded to King Solomons Lodge of Boston and to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts a Copy of Bro. Josa. R. Chandlers Statement and Resolutions as directed in Special Grd. Communication July 7th; Also that he had prepared and forwarded to the Family of Bro. Andrew Jackson and to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee copies of Preamble & Resolutions as directed at special Grand Communication July 7, 1845.

A Copy of the By Laws of Lodge No. 108 was received and referred to the Committee on By Laws.

The following Communication was received and read, "viz:"

To Brother Leon Hyneman, a Past Master Mason and Member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 71, under the jurisdiction of the R. W. G. Lodge of Pennsa.

At an Extra Meeting of Lodge No. 45, held at the City of Pittsburg, on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1845, A. L. 5845, you were appointed the representative of this Lodge in the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsa.

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Witness our hands and the seal of the Lodge this 11th day of August 1845, A. L. 5845.

[L. S.] Attest: J. J.Ashbridge, Secy.

On Motion duly Made and Seconded, Bro. Leon Hyneman was recognised as the proxy of Lodge No. 45.

The following Communication was received, Read and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, viz:

Nashville, 15th of July, 1845.

To Wm. H. Adams, Esq.,

Dear Sir & Bro.,

Yours of the 26th June has been received and would have answered it sooner but not being acquainted much with the Masonic Character of our late distinguished Bro. Genl. Andrew Jackson, I defered until I could converse with some of our Oldest Brethren on the subject. I have learned from them and from the Records in my possession that our late brother was Elected Grand Master of Masons in the State of Tennessee in the Year 1822 and Served in that high and honourable Station for Two Years. Since which time he visited the Subordinate Lodges in this place (Cumberland Lodge, No. 8) but Seldom. In the Year 1839 by a Special Invitation he visited the Grand Lodge at its regular session in October and presided as Grand Master during the forenoon session which was the last time he ever visited any Lodge he always expressed a very exalted opinion of the Institution and I have heard him say that it always gave him great pleasure to Mingle with the Masonic Brethren. I regret to state that we were denied the privilege of intering his remains with Masonic honors. I am satisfied there must have been from 2 to 300 Masons at the Hermitage ready to pay the last sad Tribute of respect to him, but by some means by those who had charge of the Funeral it was denied us.

I believe I have given you all the Information in respect to our late venerated P. G. Master, but should I come in possession of any other information I will inform you immediately.

fraternally and truly yours,

John S. Dashill,

Grd. Secy.,

G. L. of Tennessee.

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A petition was received and read from the following brethren residing at Lock Haven, Clinton County, Penns., viz: Philip Krebs, W^m. Morrison, J. Kuskader, W^m. Smith & J. P. M^cElveth asking for the Revival and Reorganization of Lodge No. 199, at Lock Haven, Clinton County, (Formerly Lycoming Co.) also that all dues may be remitted, &c.

When on motion the Communication was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The following communication was received from Bro. Jo^s. L. Stichter D. D. G. M. for Berks County.

Reading, Aug^t. 7, 1845.

To W^m. H. Adams,

Dr. Sir & Bro.,

Philip Albright an applicant for Initiation and Membership was rejected Aug^t. 5^th. 1840. He is desirous of renewing his application.

Will you please submit his case to the R. W. G. Lodge.—respectfully requesting that Lodge No. 62, may again be authorized to receive his petition.

Yours, &c.,

Signed. Jo^s. L. Stichter.

On motion duly Made & Seconded, it was resolved, That permission be given to Lodge No. 62, to receive Peter Albrights application for Initiation & Membership.

The following Communication was received from Lodge No. 22, at Sunbury, and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act, viz:

Lodge Room, Lodge No. 22.
Sunbury, Penns^a.

W^m. H. Adams, Esq^s.

Dear Bro.,

The undersigned were appointed a committee by Lodge No. 22, to address through you the Grand Lodge of Penns^a. in relation to the Grand Lodge dues claimed from Lodge No. 22.

During the Morgan excitement while Sister Lodges seemed unable to withstand the popular excitement and either surrendered or gave up their Charters Lodge No. 22, stood unmoved and unintimidated on her ancient foundation by the tempests around her. Her position was Sustained with great difficulty and no little Sacrifice by her Members of personal

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comfort. Many of her Members since that period have removed or withdrawn, and some have gone as we fondly hope to the Celestial Lodge above. Those that remain are desirous to keep up the institution, but if the Grand Lodge will insist on the payment of the back dues this Ancient Lodge, must cease to be numbered amongst the branches of the Grand Lodge.

The funds of the institution, are exhausted by contributions to aid poor and distressed masons and their families in part and some has been lost by the Officers that had charge of them, or cannot now be collected. The present Members are unable and unwilling to pay the amount demanded by the Grand Lodge, but are unwilling to pay the dues for the last Year, and the Committee believe will be prompt in the payment of the dues hereafter.

Yours very Respectfully,

Signed. N. Jorden, Gideon Markel,
Wm. M. Gray, Geo. Weiser,
Geo. Martin, Committee.

The following Communication was recd. from Lodge No. 190, at Norristown, and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act, viz:

To the R. W. G. Master, Officers & Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

The undersigned W. M. & Secretary a Committee of Charity Lodge, No. 190, held at Norristown Penns., under the Jurisdiction of your R. W. G. Lodge

Respectfully represent, That owing to the depressed State of our Lodge produced by various causes but chiefly from the Lodge having Suffered losses, by their former Treasurers in succession, to the whole omount of funds in their hands and from persecution during the Anti Masonic excitement having at that time been driven out of the Court House, our usual place of Meeting for many years, and thus compelled to rent Rooms at a heavy expense, we are constrained to ask your R. W. G. Lodge to remit the Amount due by this Lodge in the Confident hope that should you deal leniently with us, we will soon be able to raise our Lodge to its proper standard, and to pay our dues hereafter promptly. We regret exceedingly that we are compelled to make this request, but this is the only course

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left to prevent the Lodge from Sinking, as the funds in the Treasury are barely sufficient to meet our current expenses this Year and our members are unable to pay the amount due the R. W. G. Lodge out of their private funds.

We therefore respectfully ask your R. W. G. Lodge to grant this our first request and remit the whole amount due by this Lodge, confidently believing that if it be granted it will have the effect of raising this Lodge to what it Should be.

Fraternally Yours, &c.,
Signed. William Rossitter,
Washington Richards,
Committee.

N. Aug. 28, 1845.

The following report was accepted and the Resolution adopted, "viz:"

To the Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

The undersigned to whom was referred the petition of a number of Brethren to reenter upon the Warrant, Jewels, &c., of Lodge No. 203, at Lewistown, Mifflin County, Penns[a]. and to reopen the same respectfully report,

That the duty has been attended to and on the 7[th] day of March last the R. W. G. Master Issued his dispensation to reopen and reconstitute said Lodge and on the 7[th] day of June the Grand Secretary received returns shewing the revival and reorganization of Lodge N[o]. 203, at Lewistown, Mifflin Co., Pa., on the 27[th] day of May, 1845, A. L. 5845.

Your committee offer the following Resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the proceedings be approved and the committee discharged.

Signed. William Barger,
William H. Adams,
Committee.

Phil., Sept. 1, 1845.

The following report from the Committee of Finace for the quarter ending March 31[st]. 1845, was received and ordered to be filed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns[a]. The Committee of Finance respectfully Report a Statement of the Receipts and Payments by the Grand Treasurer for and on account of the Grand Lodge for the first Quarter ending March 31, 1845, viz:

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Receipts.

For	Lodges & Rent & from Chapters,	$1,540.50	
"	Rents Chestnut S$^{t.}$ Hall, . .	"1,971.17	
"	do. Masonic Hall 3^{d} St., . .	87.50	
"	Dispensations, &c., from G. Secretary, ...	30.00	$3,629.17

Payments.

For	Interest, ...		1,839.97	
"	Expenses Chestnut St. Hall.			
"	Gas $271.89, Coal $27, . . .		298.89	
"	Water Rent, ...		15.00	
"	Commissions to Superintendant, .		204.48	
"	Current Expenses, ...		147.82	
"	Expenses Hall South 3rd Street.			
"	Gas, ...	86.67		
"	Water Rent, . . .	10.00		
"	Current Expenses, . .	55.03		
"	Salaries, viz: G$^{rd.}$ Sec$^{y.}$, .	200.00		
	G$^{rd.}$ Treas$^{r.}$,	50.00		
	G$^{rd.}$ Tyler,	43.50	445.20	$2,951.36
Amount of Receipts exceeding Payments, . .				$ 677.81
Cash balance in hands of G. T. Dec$^{r.}$ 31, 1844, .				2,152.72
do. do. " " " " " Mar. 31, 1845, .				2,830.72
				677.81

Phil., Aug$^{t.}$ 30$^{th.}$ 1845.

Signed. Ge$^{o.}$ Smith,
Ge$^{o.}$ D. Haswell,
A. E. Dougherty,
Committee.

The following report from the Committee of Finance for the Second quarter of 1845 Ending June 30$^{th.}$ was received and ordered to be filed, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report a statement of the Receipts and Payments by the Grand Treasurer for and on account of the R. W. G. Lodge for the quarter ending June 30$^{th.}$ 1845, viz:

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Receipts.

For	Lodge dues & Rents & from Chapters,	$717.00	
"	Rents 3rd St. Hall, ...	"100.00	
"	" Chestnut St. Hall, . . .	959.50	
"	Dispensations from G. Secretary, .	80.00	$1,856.50

Payments.

For	Interest on Mortgage, ...		$200.00	
	Expenses 3d St. Hall.			
"	Gas, ...	$64.98		
"	7 Years Insu. on Furniture,	75.00		
"	Parchment for Certificates,	15.00		
"	Printing do.,	6.00		
"	Salaries, G. Secretary, .	200.00		
	G. Treasurer, .	50.00		
	G. Tyler . .	46.50	457.48	
	Expenses Chestnut St. Hall.			
For	Gas, ...	189.91		
"	Coal, ...	13.50		
"	Current Expenses, . .	52.11		
"	Commission to Suptnt., .	65.37	320.79	$978.27
Amount of receipts Exceeding Payments, . . .				878.23
Due by G. T. Mar. 31, 1845, . . .			$2,830.72	
Do.	Do. June 30, " . . .		3,708.95	$878.23

Phil., Aug. 30, 1845. Signed. G. Smith,
Geo. D. Haswell,
A. E. Dougherty,
Committee.

The following report from the Committee on By Laws was read and accepted, viz:

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsa.

The Committee on By Laws respectfully report that they have Carefully examined the By Laws of Lodge No. 22, at Sunbury, as amended and altered and recommend their adoption (after striking out the addition to article 9th which reads as follows:

"add, The balloting shall be repeated for every degree upon the request of any member of the Lodge and shall be conducted in the same manner as is directed in the foregoing part of this Section. If on taking the ballot for the degree of Fellow Craft

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the candidate is rejected 9$ shall be returned to him. If on taking the ballot for Master Mason he be rejected six dollars shall be returned to him."

Respectfully Submitted.
Signed. James Hutchinson,
Sept. 1, 1845. William H. Adams,
Committee.

Returns were received from Joseph L. Stichter, D. D. G. M. for Berks County, for the Year 1841, Shewing the Issueing of Seven dispensations to Pass the Chair. Ordered to be filed.

General Returns received and ordered to be filed from the following Lodges for the Year 1844, viz:

Lodge No. 22, at Sunbury, Penns[a]. No. Suspensions or Expulsions.

Lodge No. 62, at Reading, Pa. Returns J— L—, H— M—, J— V— R— & G. X. W— as Suspended for non payment of dues and George Drenkle as Reinstated.

Lodge No. 108. No Suspensions or expulsions.

Lodge No. 190. No Suspensions or expulsions.

Special Returns from Lodge No. 2, Shewing the reinstatement of Enock Carter.

Communications were received from the following Grand Lodges and refered to the Committee of Correspondence.

From the Grand Lodge of Ireland, Maryland, Missouri, Michigan, & New York.

The following communication from a Committee of Lodge No. 62, was read and refered to the Grand Officers with power to act, "viz:"

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and brethren of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns[a]. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The undersigned having been appointed by Reading Lodge, No. 62, to petition your honorable body for a remittance of its dues beg leave briefly to state the Grounds of this application.

In the discharge of our duty we deem it proper to exhibit a statement of the Lodge account which is as follows, &c., from 1839 to Dec[r]. 27, 1844, Shewing a balance still due the Grand Lodge of $363. From the above it will be perceived that Lodge No. 62, has paid to the Grand Lodge since 1840 Five

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Hundred & twenty Seven dollars leaving a balance still due of Three hundred & Sixty three dollars, which it is hoped will be cheerfully remitted when the Grand Lodge is informed that a sum exceeding this amount remain due to No. 62 for Grand Lodge dues from Members some of whom have removed from here others have died and a great many have become poor and unable to discharge their indebtedness thus leaving the whole amount a dead loss to Lodge No. 62 if it is not remitted.

We will further state that the funds of the Lodge have been very much reduced by gratuitees to Members of other Lodges in distress upon whose application immediate relief has always been granted of late such calls have been frequent.

The Lodge contemplates the erection of a Hall being obliged to remove from the room at present occupied, and for which purpose a Lot has been purchased. A large part of the purchase money is still unpaid.

It is therefore hoped that our petition will be favourably received as we flatter ourselves that No. 62 has upon all occasions done its duty and have no hesitation in saying that she will continue to be a faithful adherent of the R. W. G. Lodge. We therefore hope the necessity as well as the hardship of the case will induce the R. W. G. Lodge to remit the amount asked for.

Reading, Sept. 1, 1845. Signed. Jo$^{s.}$ L. Stichter,
And$^{w.}$ M. Saladee,
William Betz,
Committee.

On motion of R. R. Moore the refering the foregoing application to the Grand Officers was reconsidered.

Bro. R. R. Moore then Amended the Resolution by moving that the amount due by Lodge No. 62, be remitted.

Which Amendment was lost.

Bro. R. R. Moore then moved that the application from Reading Lodge be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Which motion was withdrawn.

When after considerable discussion it was again referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was Resolved,

That the Grand Treasurer be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding One hundred Dollars in procuring a set of cur-

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tains and other furniture for the Saloon of the Chestnut Street Hall.

The Committee appointed to examine into the facts connected with the leasing of a Room in the Hall Chestnut Street to the Sons of Temperance reported progress, & were continued.

The Committee to take into consideration propositions for the purchase of the Chestnut Street Hall reported progress, and were continued.

On Motion duly made and Seconded the following brethren were admitted as Visitors during the Evening, viz:

Richard Lerch, Singleton Mercer, Oliver A. Shaw, J. H. Levering of N° 3, Ja^{s} A. Leiper No. 9, Texas, J. C. Lacock N° 9, Ja^{s} Eckstein, Miss. N° 41, Robert Stark N° 45, Tenn., Isah Philips No. 46, N. O., Isaac Leibenstein No. 46, Cin. O., A. M. Saladee, W^{m} Betz, N° 62, Reading, Jn^{o} H. Siner No. 67, Leop. Stoneberger N° 71, W^{m} F. Kummer 72, J. H. Bell N° 91, Tho^{s} M^{c}Culloch 89, Tenn. Isaac De Pass 158, James Jordan N° 187.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at ¼ past 9 O. c.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

PHIL., Monday, November 3rd, 1845, A. L. 5845.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Special Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. William Barger,	R^{t}. W. Grand Master.
" James Page,	" Dep^{y}. " "
" Peter Fritz,	" S^{r}. G. Warden.
" Jn^{o}. W. M^{c}Grath,	" J^{r}. " " P. T.
" John Thomson,	" G. Treasurer.
" William H. Adams,	" " Secretary.
" W^{m}. W. Smith,	Dep. G. do.
" James Simpson,	S^{r}. G. Deacon, P. T.
" Tho^{s}. B. Florence,	J^{r}. G. Deacon.
" J. L. Burrows,	Gr^{d}. Chaplain.
" Ge^{o}. Smith,	Gr^{d}. Marshall.
" Jacob Steiner,	" Sword Bearer.
" Henry H. Smith,	" Pursuivant.
" Jo^{s}. R. Chandler,	P. G. Master.

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Lodges Represented.

No. 2, Flick, Gumple.
" 3, Skerritt, Desilver, Martin, McCulloch, Moore, Thomson, Taylor, Colladay, Carlin, McKaraher, Florence, King.
" 9, Creasey.
" 19, Bradley, Lybrand, Smith.
" 51, Thomson, Israel, Steele.
" 52, Patton, Long.
" 59, Adams, Dickson, Smith, Scott, Watson, Davenport, Shumway.
" 67, Simpson, Van Osten, Baugh, Wagner, Smith, Reese.
" 71, Myers, Golden, Vancollum, Frismuth, Phillips.
" 72, Barger, Grigg, Stevenson, Thomson.
" 91, Mitchell, Manning, Hart, Henniss, Burrows.
" 114, Benner, Spackman, Kelly, Thomson, J. J. Krider.
" 115, Diamond, Newcomb, Humes, Shultz.
" 121, Vaux, Davis, Flanigan.
" 130, McGrath, Lescure, Easby, Riley, Westcott, Chandler, Logue, Shultz, Clemens.
" 155, English, Bowen, Martin, Fritz.
" 158, Oliver, Barnstead.
" 186, Smith, Zeigler, Barrington.
" 187, Coates, Hickey, Wallace, Rittenhouse.
" 211, Sanger, Page, Cartwright.
Proxies Barger No. 43, J. R. Chandler No. 62, Adams 82, 108, 138, Jn° Thomson 218.

Twenty Seven Lodges Represented, the Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at half past Six o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that he had called the Grand Lodge together for the purpose of taking into consideration a proposition which was made to the Grand Officers by Mr. Edmund Peale of Baltimore for the leasing of the Chestnut Street Hall.

Bro. James Page, R. W. D. G. Master, arose and Stated, That Edmund Peale the proprietor of the Baltimore Museum had made a proposition for renting the Masonic Hall & Ground on Chestnut Street for the term of Five Years on the following conditions. To pay a rental per annum of Five per centum on Eighty Five Thousand dollars and all the Taxes. To make

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at his own cost such alterations and improvements in the Building as would fit it for the purpose for which he designed it. Such alterations & improvements to be first approved by the Grand Lodge through its proper committee, and embellish the Grounds in front and rear of the Building by erecting a wall & Railing on the line of the Street. The Grand Lodge to allow him such deductions from the first Years rent in aid of this improvement as they might seem reasonable he furnishing the bills & Receipts showing its disbursements for that object.

He further stated that Mr. Peale intended to locate a Museum in the Building and that he would use it for the purposes usually found in connexion with such exhibitions and read two communications from highly respectable citizens of Baltimore Speaking in favourable terms of the character & standing of Mr. Peale in that City.

P. G. Master Bro. Bayse Newcomb offered the following.

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge approve of the proposition made by Mr. Edmund Peale to rent the Masonic Hall, Chestnut St., and request the Grand Officers to lease the same to him upon the terms Mentioned in said proposal & that the Grand Officers be authorized to agree with Mr. Peale for such allowance out of the first years Rent as they may think right on account of the improvements contemplated to be made by him.

When on motion duly made and Seconded, the Resolution was adopted.

On Motion it was unanimously Resolved, that Past G. Master, Bro. Jo$^{a.}$ R. Chandler, be allowed permission to present the following petition, viz:

Philadelphia, Sept$^{r.}$ 18$^{th.}$ 1845, A. L. 5845.

To the M. W. G. Master, The R. W. Dep$^{y.}$ G. M., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

The petition of the Subscribers most respectfully represents that we are free and accepted Master Masons, and have been members of regular Lodges having the prosperity of the fraternity at heart we are willing to exert our best endeavours to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Masonry.

We therefore pray for the Warrant of Constitution, &c., &c., of Lodge No. 134, for which we will pay the sum of — Dollors to empower us to assemble as a legal Lodge to dis-

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charge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner according to the ancient land marks of the order and the regulations of the Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

We have nominated and do recommend Henry Wilkinson for first Master; R. E. Welsh to be the First Senior Warden, and John Riley to be the first Junior Warden of the said revived Lodge and if the prayer of this petition is granted, we promise a strict conformity to all the constitutional Laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

Charles Hortz, late of Lodge No. 2, Phil.
Levi Lingo, do. do. do.
John Douglass, do. do. do.
Timothy J. Dyer late of Star in the East N. Bedf[d]., Mass.
Henry Wilkinson, late of No. 2, Phil.
R. E. Welsh, do. do.
George K. Gluyas, late of N[o]. 8, Alex[a]., D. C.
John Riley, late of No. 2, Phil.
W[m]. Patton, Jr., formerly of Lodge No. 134, P.
Elijah A. Carrell, late of No. 2.
Ge[o]. W. Chambers, do. do.
Moses Vanderslice, do. do.

Which on Motion duly made and Seconded, was referred to the Grand Officers.

On Motion permission was unanimously given to Bro. W[m]. M. Martin to offer the following Resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Charity Fund be permitted to dispense for charitable purposes, One Hundred dollars agreeably to a resolution of this Grand Lodge passed Sept[r]. 2[nd]. 1844.

On Motion the following brethren were admitted as Visitors during the Evening, Cha[s] F. M[c]Guire, Jo[s] Hennings of N° 3, Solomon B. Markle, Ja[s] Kelly of N° 9, David Martin N° 59, J. H. Desac 71, Rich[d] Hogeland 72, Ja[s] Day 158, D. Sunderland 203, Pa.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past Seven o'clock.

W[m] H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

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PHIL., Monday, Decr. 1st, 1845, 5845.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. Wm. Barger,	Rt. W. G. Master.
" James Page,	" " Dep. G. Master.
" Peter Fritz,	" " Sr. G. Warden.
" Wm. Whitney,	" " Jr. G. Warden.
" John Thomson,	" " G. Treasurer.
" Wm. H. Adams,	" " G. Secretary.
" Wm. W. Smith,	" " Dpy. G. do.
" A. Bournonville,	Sr. G. Deacon.
" Thomas B. Florence,	Jr. G. Deacon.
" E. S. Ely & Ashton,	Grand Chaplains.
" C. C. William,	Grand Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner,	" Sword Bearer.
" Henry G. Smith,	" Pursuivant.
" Badger & Stevenson,	R. W. P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented.

N° 2, Samuels, Collins, Gumple.
" 3, Desilver, McCulloch, Page, Martin, McKaraher, Skerritt, Thomson, Moore, Florence, Heysham, Dorris, Loughead, Carlin, King, Dillman, Webb.
" 9, Creasey.
" 19, Childs, Bradley, Lybrand, Park, Smith, Patton, Griscom, English, Thornley.
" 51, Thomson, Whitney, Bouvier, Israel, Bender.
" 52, Winters, Clemens, Patton, Long, Engard, Simons, Thomas.
" 59, Adams, Dickson, Smith, Scott, Gandy, Kneass, Shumway, Davenport, Campbell.
" 61, J. R. Dean.
" 67, Simpson, Smith, Reese, Baugh, Wagner, Van Osten, Decklyne, Martin.
" 71, Myers, Hyneman, Frismuth, McCollum, M. Hyneman, Golden, Phillips, Smith.

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N° 72, Williams, Seering, Davis, Grigg, Alter, Barger, West, Thompson, Stevenson, Coleman, Molan, Clinton, Waters.
" 81, Roop.
" 91, Badger, Hart, Manning, Fermington, Mitchell, W^m Barger, Leidy, Henniss, Neagle.
" 114, Spackman, Barrett, Thomson, Krider, Boyd, R. C. Krider, Tho^s Baxter.
" 115, Diamond, Dougherty, Shultz, Haines, Young.
" 121, Vaux, Flanigan.
" 125, Bournonville, Dreeves, Doebley, Steiner, Buehler, Hahnlen, Aichternacht, Schmidt, Wollenweber, Mehrtins.
" 130, M^cGrath, Lescure, Logan, Colladay, Sleeper, Easby, Pascal, M. T. W. Chandler, Riley, Clemens.
" 155, English, Bacon, Martin, Fritz, Ewing, Bowen, Allen, Dohnert.
" 158, Barnstead, Roberts, Oliver, Hamilton, Moore, Taylor.
" 186, Zeigler, Smith, Hastings.
" 187, Coates, Houpt, Wallace, Hisckey, Frost.
" 211, Brunet, Page, Desilver, Langer, Cartwright.
Proxies, W^m Whitney, for N° 22, W^m Barger for 43, Leon Hyneman for N° 45, W^m H. Adams for N^os 82, 108 & 138, Jo^s Riley for 201, John Thomson for N° 218.

Twenty two Lodges represented, the Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 6½ o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication September 2^nd, 1845, were read and adopted.

The Minutes of Special communication Nov^r. 3 were read and adopted.

The following communication was received and read, viz:

Washington Lodge, N°. 164,
Washington, Penns^a.

To Bro. William Barger, a Past Master and Member of Lodge N°. 72 und. the Jurisdiction of the RW. Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

At a stated meeting of Lodge N°. 164 held in the Borough of Washington, Washington County, Penns^a. on the 10^th day of November, A. D. 1845, A. L. 5845, you were appointed the

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representative of this Lodge in the said Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Witness our hands and the seal of the Lodge this 15th day of November, A. D. 1845, A. L. 5845.

Signed. George Baird, W. M.

Attest:

Adam Silvey, Secy.

On motion duly made & Seconded, Bro. Wm. Barger was recognized as the proxy of Lodge No. 164.

An alteration to the By Laws of Lodge No. 164 was presented which was referred to the Committee on By Laws.

This being the Evening appointed by the Rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge for the Election of its Officers, the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Dougherty, Skerritt, Oliver and Davis, Tellers.

The R. W. Grand Lodge then went into a Ballot when the following Officers were duly Elected, viz:

Bro. James Page, Right Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Wm. Barger having in a neat and appropriate address declined a Reelection.

Brother	Peter Fritz,	Rt. W. Dep. G. Master.
"	Wm. Whitney,	Rt. W. Sr. G. Warden.
"	Anthony Bournonville,	" Jr. G. Warden.
"	John Thomson,	Rt. W. G. Treasurer.
"	Wm. H. Adams,	" " " Secretary.

Trustees of the Girard Bequest.

Brothers Bayse Newcomb.
" Samuel Badger.
" Samuel H. Perkins.
" Alexr. Diamond.
" Enos S. Gandy.

The following report from the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge was read and approved, viz:

To the RW. Grand Lodge of Penns.

The Trustees of the Charity Fund respectfully represent that they have disposed of the lot of ground at Chester, Penns., late the property of Lodge No. 69 at that place to William Irvine on a Ground Rent of Twenty one dollars $\frac{25}{100}$ per annum payable semi annually and redeemable at any time within ten

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Years from date of the deed upon the principle calculating the Interest at 6 per cent.

Your trustees therefore respectfully ask this R. W. G. Lodge to sanction the sale and to instruct them to give Title for the same and to this end offer the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Charity Fund be and they are hereby instructed and directed to give a Ground Rent Deed to William Irvine of Chester for the lot of Ground derived from the late Lodge N°. 69 of that place upon the terms and conditions now stated by the Trustees of the Charity Fund.

By order of the Trustees.

Jacob Alter,
Chairman.

Bro. Alexander Diamond stated that he had received a letter from the present Worshipful Master of Mauch Chunk Lodge, No. 201, complaining of the manner in which the affairs of said Lodge have been conducted for some time past and asking the Grand Lodge to send a Brother up to investigate the matter.

When on motion duly made and seconded, the subject was refered to the Grand Officers.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at half past Nine o'clock.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

Monday, Decr. 15th, 1845, 5845.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	William Barger,	R^t. W. G. Master.
"	James Page,	R^t. W. D. G. do.
"	Peter Fritz,	R^t. W. S^r. G. Warden.
"	A. Bournonville,	R. W. J^r. G. do.
"	John Thomson,	R^t. W. G. Treasurer.
"	W^m. H. Adams,	R^t. W. G. Secretary.
"	George Griscom,	Dep^y. G. do.
"	John Bradley,	S^r. G. Deacon.
"	Tho^s. B. Florence,	J^r. G. Deacon.
"	Richard Vaux,	Grand Marshall.

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Bro. Henry Benner, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Henry G. Smith, do. Pursuivant.
" Sam[l]. H. Perkins, P. G. Master.

Lodges Represented.

N° 2, Flick.
" 3, Moore, Desilver, Husham, Taylor, Martin, Florence, M[c]Karaher, King, Thomson, M[c]Culloch, Dorris.
" 9, Creasey, Stone, M[c]Mullin.
" 19, Park, Bradley, Griscom, Lybrand.
" 51, Bouvier, Thomson, Israel.
" 67, Simpson, Smith.
" 71, Smith, M. Hyneman, L. Hyneman, Golden, Vancollum.
" 72, Barger.
" 91, Hart, Henniss, Neagle, Perkins.
" 114, Thomson, Bruner, J. J. Krider, R. C. Krider, Baxter.
" 115, Welsh, Diamond, Archambault.
" 121, Davis, Vaux.
" 125, Bournonville, Steiner, Aichternacht.
" 130, Lescure, M[c]Grath, Riley.
" 155, Fritz, Martin.
" 158, Barnstead, Oliver.
" 187, Wallace, Hilt.
" 211, M[c]Kinney, Cartwright.
Proxies, 43 & 164 Barger, 82, 108, 138 W[m] H. Adams, 201 Riley, 218 Jn° Thomson.

Twenty Seven Lodges represented, the Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 6½ O'clock.

A Communication was received from Jacob L. Abrahams late of Halifax Lodge, No. 141, requesting the Grand Lodge to grant him a certificate.

Which on motion was referred to the Grand Secretary with power to act.

A Communication was received from W— M[c]C— complaining of Lodge N°. 45, at Pittsburg, in Suspending him from the priviledges of Masonry.

Which was on motion referred to Bro. John Birmingham, District Deputy Grand Master, at Pittsburg.

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A Communication was received from Lodge N°. 45, at Pittsburg, stated the loss which the Lodge had met with in the great Fire, which occurred in that place on April last and praying the Grand Lodge to remit the dues which will be owing up to Dec^r. 27^th next.

When on motion duly made and Seconded, the request of Lodge N°. 45, was granted and dues remitted up to Dec^r. 27^th. 1845.

A Communication was received from Bro^s. J. S. Williams, D. Strombaugh, John Smith, J. Tallman, H. Lenhart, Rob^t. Fleming & J. W. Smith formerly Members of Lodge N°. 106, at Williamsport, Lycoming County, Penns^a., petitioning for the revival of Said Lodge and the remission of dues owing to the Grand Lodge when she ceased to operate.

On motion duly made and seconded, the dues were remitted and the petition referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A Copy of the By Laws of Chambersburg Lodge, N°. 143, was presented and referred to the Committee of By Laws.

The following communication was read, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns^a.,

The undersigned prefer the following charges.

First, against the present W. M. of Lodge No. 9 for Misdemeanor in office in having ordered as Master of the Lodge The acting Secretary to draw on the Treasurer in the name of the Lodge for the sum of Fifty Dollars in favour of the Senior Warden, Creasey the same being drawn without the knowledge or consent of the Lodge.

Second, against the Senior Warden, Creasey, in having obtained the said sum of Fifty dollars knowing that the same had not been authorized by the Lodge. All of which is respectfully submitted,

Signed. James M^cMullin,
Ja^s Klegg,
Members of Lodge N°. 9.

On motion the above was referred to a Committee of Three, when The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Bro^s. W^m. M. Martin, John W. M^cGrath & Richard Vaux.

The following report from the Committee on Finance was received, read and adopted.

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To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penns[a]

The Committee of Finance Respectfully submit a Statement of the receipts and payments by the Grand Treasurer for the quarter ending September 30[th] 1845.

Receipts.

For Lodge dues, ...		200.95	
" Rents 3[d] St. Hall, ...		125.00	
" Dispensations, ...		61.00	
" Chestnut S[t] Hall, ...		360.38	$747.38

Payments.

For Interest, ...		$1847.05	
" Expenses Chestnut S[t] Hall.			
" Taxes, ...	$470.00		
" Commissions on receipts,	27.00		
" Current expenses, . .	24.34		
" Gas, ...	32.77	554.11	
Expenses 3[rd] St. Hall.			
For Gas, ...	$66.12		
" Mourning hangings, .	30.00		
" Coal & Charcoal, . .	52.50		
" Current Expenses, . .	15.65		
" A Minute Book, . .	5.37	169.64	
Salaries.			
To Grand Secretary, . .	$200.00		
" Grand Treasurer, . .	50.00		
" Grand Tyler, . . .	43.50	293.50	$2,864.30
Amount of payments exceeding receipts, . . .			$2,116.97
Balance due by G. Treasurer June 30, .		3708.95	
do. do. Sept. 30, 1845,		1591.98	$2,116.97

Signed. Ge[o] Smith,
A. E. Dougherty,
Ge[o] D. Haswell, Committee.

Phil., Nov[r] 29, 1845.

The following report was received, read and adopted, viz: To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned to whom was referred the petition of a number of Brethren to reenter upon the Warrant, Jews. &c., of Lodge N[o] 199, at Lockhaven, Clinton County, Penns[a] and to reopen the Same

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Respectfully report, that the duty has been attended to and on the ninth day of September, 1845, the R. W. Grand Master Issued his dispensation to proceed and reopen and reorganize the Same and on the first day of December the Grand Secretary received returns shewing the revival and reorganization of Lodge N°. 199, at Lockhaven, Clinton County, Penns^{a}., on the 20th day of November, 1845, with Thirteen Members, Officers included.

Your Committee offer the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the proceedings be approved and the Committee discharged.

Phil., Dec^{r}. 1, 1845.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. William Barger.
William H. Adams.

The following report was received, Read and adopted.

To the R^{t}. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Grand Officers to whom were referred the applications of Lodges N°. 22, 62 & 190 for a remission of dues respec^{y}. report.

That the said application became the subject of serious consideration and on mature reflection the Grand Officers remitted the dues of N°. 22 and 190 respectively.

The appeal of N°. 62 however not coming in their opinion within the principle acted upon in regard to other Lodges they resolved to refer the question back to the Grand Lodge for its disposition.

With a view to establish some uniform rule in matters of this discription the Grand Officers adopted a resolution that in no case would they vote for a remission of dues unless there was actual inability on the part of the Lodge applying to meet its indebtedness to the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. Peter Fritz, W^{m}. Barger, W^{m}. Whitney, James Page, } Committee.

The remission of Lodge N°. 62^{s} dues to the Grand Lodge was called up when on motion of Bro. W^{m}. M. Martin it was "Resolved," That this Grand Lodge deem it inexpedient to remit any portion of the dues of Lodge N°. 62.

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The following report was received, Read and accepted, viz: To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Grand Officers to whom was referred the application of several Brethren for the revival of the warrant of Lodge N°. 134 in this City.

Respectfully Report: That after duly examining the petition found but one of the former Members signing the same, and after taking the circumstances of the case into consideration are of opinion that it is inexpedient to grant the Prayer of the Petitioners. Therefore offer the following resolution, Resolved, That the petitioners applying for the revival of Lodge N°. 134 have leave to withdraw their petition.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. Peter Fritz. Wm. Barger.
Wm. Whitney. Jas. Page.

Phil., Decr. 1st. 1845.

The following report was received and the resolutions accompanying adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned to whom was referred the petition of a number of Brethren to reenter upon the Warrant, Jewels, &c., of Lodge N°. 143, at Chambersburg, Penns.a, and to reopen the same.

Respectfully report, that the duty has been attended to and on the 24th day of July, 1845, the R. W. G. Master Issued his dispensation to proceed and reopen and reorganize the Same and on the 20th of September the Grand Secretary received returns shewing the revival and reorganization of Lodge N°. 143 at Chambersburg, Penns.a, on the 20th of August, 1845, with seventeen Members, Officers included.

Your Committee offer the following Resolution, "viz:"

Resolved, That the proceedings be approved and the Committee discharged.

Respecy. Submitted.

Signed. Wm. Barger.
Wm. H. Adams.

Phil., Decr. 1, 1845.

Returns were received from Lodges N°. 121 and 218 for the Year 1844 and were ordered to be filed. No Suspensions, Expulsions or rejections returned by either.

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Communications were received from the following Grand Lodges and were referred to the Committee on Correspondence, viz:

Grand Lodge of Conecticut, Indiana, Kentuckey, Newhampshire, Iowa, Maine.

The report from the Committee of correspondence was received and read.

When on motion duly made and seconded, the report was accepted and ordered to be filed and power given to the Grand Officers to publish such parts as they may deem expedient.

The following Brethren were admitted as visitors during the Evening, Bro. Fred^{k} Alexander of the Lodge of Strict Observance, N. Y., Ja^{s} W. Ezekiel of Lodge N° 5, Charleston, S. C., Richard Slatter N° 3, N. W. Pallch N° 111 Harper's Ferry, Washington Heimberger, Jn° Johnson N° 115, Jacob R. Hobbs N° 115, Rob^{t} Frazer 121, Ja^{s} B. Chandler 130, Lewis H. Switzer N° 164.

The Communication from Pittsburg praying for the revival of Lodge N°. 165 at that place not being signed by a sufficient number of Said Lodge was not entertained by the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past Nine o'clock.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

PHIL., Saturday, Decr. 27th, 1845, 5845.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. Wm. Barger,	R^{t}. W. Grand Master.
" James Page,	" D. G. Master.
" Wm. Whitney,	" S^{r}. G. Warden.
" Anthony Bournonville,	" J^{r}. G. Warden.
" John Thomson,	" G. Treasurer.
" Wm. H. Adams,	" G. Secretary.
" Wm. W. Smith,	Dep^{y}. G. Secretary.
" Jn°. W. McGrath,	S^{r}. G. Deacon.
" E. P. Lescure,	J^{r}. G. Deacon.
" Rev^{d}. E. S. Ely, }	Grand Chaplains.
" Jn°. J. Kerr, }	

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Bro. Thos. B. Florence, Grand Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Henry G. Smith, Grand Pursuivant.
" B. Newcomb, Past G. Master.

Lodges Represented.

No. 2, Flick, Gumple, Samuels.
" 3, Florence, Moore, Page, McCulloch, McKaraher, Heysham.
" 9, Creasey, Stone, Haslam.
" 19, Patton, Bradley, Park, Smith.
" 51, Whitney, Thomson.
" 52, Thomas.
" 59, Watson, Adams, Smith, Scott.
" 62, D. H. Keim.
" 67, Simpson, Van Osten, Baugh.
" 71, Myers, Phillips.
" 72, Barger, Gregg, Coleman.
" 91, Henniss.
" 114, Shultz, Krider, Kelly.
" 115, Newcomb, Young, Humes, Diamond.
" 121, Flanigan, Vaux, Traquair.
" 125, Bournonville, Steiner, Aichternacht, Hanlan, Wollenweber.
" 130, McGrath, Lescure, Riley.
" 152, Williams.
" 155, Martin.
" 158, Barnstead.
" 187, Hickey.
" 211, Sanger, Dorlan, Page, Cartwright.

Proxies, N° 22 Wm Whitney, 43 & 164 Wm Barger, 82, 108, 138 Wm H. Adams, 210 Jos S. Riley, 218 John Thomson.

Twenty seven Lodges represented, Grand Lodge opened in ample form ¼ past 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

So much of the Minutes of Decr. 1st. 1845, as relates to the Election of Officers was read and those present who were not Past Masters having withdrawn Bro. James Page the Rt. W. Grand Master Elect was duly installed in ancient and Solemn form and being duly proclaimed received the Cordial and accustomed Salutations of the Brethren.

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Bro. [illegible] B. Thomas, Grand Marshal.
" [illegible]stone, Grand Sword Bearer.
" [illegible] Keith, Grand Pursuivant.
" [illegible] Tyler.

Lodges Represented

" 2, Chas. Gardner, Samuels
" 3. [illegible], Vaux, Page, M'Call[illegible], M'Kee, Van Leer, Scott.
" 9, [illegible], Stacy Hudson.
" 19, Preston, Bradley, Peck, Smith.
" 51, Whitney, Thomson.
" 52, Thomas.
" 59, Watson, Adams, Smith, Sims.
" 63, D. H. Keim.
" 67, Simpson, Van Osten, Barch.
" 71, Weaver, Phillips.
" 72, Pennsylvania Colerain.
" 93, Hermitage.
" 204, Shiffler, Kessler, Keller.
" [illegible] Young, Hynes, Diamond.
Vaux, Twaddair.
[illegible], Steiner, Aschermacht, Hanson, [illegible]
Lescure, Riley.

" 211, Samuel [illegible]n, Page, Cartwright.

Proxies, No 22 [illegible] Whitney, 43 & 104 Wm Barger, 52 [illegible] 198 [illegible] Z. Adams, 210 Jos S. Riley, 213 [illegible] Thomson.

Twenty seven Lodges represented, Grand Lodge opened in ample form 1/4 past 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Sundry of the Minutes of Dec[r] 1[st] 1845, as read, were [illegible] Election of Officers was read and those present who were [illegible] Officers having withdrawn Bro. James Page the Elect [illegible] Master Elect was duly installed in ancient and solemn [illegible] being duly proclaimed received the Cordial and [illegible] and Salutations of the Brethren.

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James Page

R. W. Grand Master.

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Whereupon the brethren who had withdrawn were readmitted and the following Grand Officers were then severally installed in ancient and Solemn form and being duly proclaimed received the Cordial and accustomed Salutations of the Brethren, viz:

Bro. William Whitney, R^t. W. S. G. W.
" Anthony Bournonville, R^t. W. J^r. G. W.
" John Thomson, R^t. W. G. Treas^r.
" W^m. H. Adams, R^t. W. G. Sec^y.

The R W. Grand Master was then pleased to make the following appointments, "viz:"

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Bro. Samuel Huston of Towanda, for the Counties of Bradford & Tioga.
Bro. Robert Moderwell of the City of Lancaster, for the County of Lancaster.
Bro. W^m. B. Potts of Orwigsburg, for the County of Schuylkill.
Bro. Joseph L. Stichter of Reading, for the County of Berks.
Bro. C. P. Gummert of Brownsville. for the counties of Fayette & Greene.
Bro. Benjamin Parke of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin & Lebanon.
Bro. Ge^o. C. Welker of Sunbury, for the counties of Northumberland, Union & Columbia.
Bro. Henry Pettibone of Wilkesbarre, for the Counties of Luzerne, Susquehanna & Wyoming.

Grand Chaplains.

Rev^d. Bro. Jn^o. Chambers.
" " Peter Van Pelt.
" " Jn^o. B. Clemson.
" " Orson Douglass.
" " Jn^o. J. Kerr.
Rev^d. Bro. Jn^o. L. Barrows.
" " H. W. Ducachet.
" " Sam^l. Aston.
" " Ezra S. Ely.

Grand Deacons.

Bro. Thomas B. Florence, S^r. G. Deacon.
" C. C. Williams, J^r. G. Deacon.

Grand Stewards.

Bro. John J. Krider.
" James Simpson.

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Grand Marshal.
Bro. Henry G. Smith.

Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. Jacob Steiner.

Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. Robert McCulloch.

Grand Tyler.
Bro. William B. Schnider.

Trustees of the Charity Fund.

Bro. George Griscom. Bro. John Bradley.
Bro. John Allen. Bro. Tobias Buehler.
Bro. William E. Erving.

Committee of Finance.

Bro^{s}. George Smith. Alex^{r}. E. Dougherty.
Ge^{o}. G. Westcott. Ge^{o}. H. Oliver.
Joseph R. Flanigan.

Committee of Correspondence.

Bro^{s}. D. C. Skerritt. Jn^{o}. W. McGrath. Jacob F. Hæhnlen.

Committee on By Laws.

Bro^{s}. Jn^{o}. M. Read. W^{m}. H. Adams. Ja^{s}. Hutchinson.

Committee to examine the Transactions of the last Year and Select for Publication.

Bro^{s}. E. P. Lescure. W^{m}. Clinton. Joshua Mitchell.

Hall Committee.

Bro^{s}. Chas. McKaraher. Rob^{t}. Patton. Jn^{o}. C. Smith.

Committee on Land Marks.

Bro^{s}. B. Newcomb. Jo^{s}. R. Chandler. Sam^{l}. H. Perkins.

Stewards of the Girard Bequest.

Brethren Ja^{s}. E. Richardson, Robinson R. Moore, W^{m}. Haslam, Ge^{o}. K. Childs, Michael Bouvier, Jn^{o}. Thomas, Ja^{s}. R. Dickson, James Simpson, W^{m}. B. Schnider, Abraham West, John Neagle, W^{m}. W. Thomson, Jn^{o}. McCloud, Rich^{d}. Vaux, Jacob Steiner, Jo^{s}. S. Riley, John Allen, Jn^{o}. D. Moore, Edm^{d}. Barrington, Ja^{s}. Hackey, John Page.

The R. W. Grand Secretary with the approval of the Grand Lodge appointed Bro. W^{m}. W. Smith of N^{o}. 59 as Deputy Grand Secretary.

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On Motion of W^m. S. Heysham and duly Seconded, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are justly due and are hereby heartily tendered to its late Grand Master Bro. W^m. Barger for his zealous and undeviating devotion to the interests of the Order during his Masonic Life, and his continued and unremitting attention to the best interests of the Grand Lodge of Penns^a. during his masterly administration.

Resolved, that while posterity will ever commemorate his administration as that period in which the blessings of the Girard Bequests were begun to be bestowed his contemporaries can never forget the noble efforts made by him for the extinguishment of the debt of this Grand Lodge and a disposal of its property.

Resolved, That we tender to our Brother in his retirement our best wishes for the welfare of himself and his, and we add thereto the expression of the hope, that though the highest chair is to be hereafter filled by others, his place amongst us may never be vacant.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to prepare and present to the late Grand Master a Copy of these resolutions.

The R^t. Worshipful Grand Master Bro. James Page was pleased to deliver to the Brethren a very Eloquent and appropriate address.

When on Motion of Bro. Bayse Newcomb and Seconded by Bro. Richard Vaux it was Resolved unanimously, That the address Just delivered by the R^t. W. Grand Master to the Grand Lodge be entered on the Minutes, and that the committee on publication be directed as spedely as may be to cause a sufficient number of Copies of the Same to be printed and done up in Pamphlet form and circulated amongst the Members.

General returns were received from the following Lodges and ordered to be entered and filed, viz:

No. 3, Returns James Taylor and Richard Slattee as Reinstated and G— E—, J— W. G—, A— L—, G— W— Junior, and H— M— as suspended for non payment of dues.

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No. 43, Returns W— S— as Expel$^{d.}$ for Non payment of Dues.

No. 59, No Suspensions or Expulsions.

No. 72, Returns J. R—, J$^{r.}$ Expelled for Non payment of dues.

No. 114, No Suspensions or Expulsions.

No. 115, No Suspensions or Expulsions.

No. 130, No Suspensions or Expulsions.

No. 138, No Suspensions or Expulsions.

No. 152, At Easton, returns for 1843, 4 & 5 returns J— R. F—, H— S. S—, J— D—, J— K—, J— N—, J— A. S—, E— T—, L— R—, A— M—, C— F. H—, T. M. D. F—, S— H—, W— N—, F. W. M—, W— F—, J— S—, T— C. Z—, C— M—, A— G— as Suspended for Non payment of dues.

No. 153, Returns L— H. A— as Suspended for non payment of dues.

No. 186, returns E— K— as Suspended for Non payment of dues.

No. 211, Returns P— I—, M— B— & J— T— as Suspended for Non payment of dues.

No. 216, returns W— C—, J— S— & A— E—, S. N. P. of Dues; also returns P— F. M— of Pottsville, Clerk 45 Years of age as rejected.

No. 45, At Pittsburg, returns F— R. W— & G— W— as rejected.

No. 164, at Washington, Washington County, Penns., no Suspensions or rejections.

The Grand Secretary informed the Grand Lodge that Lodge N$^{o.}$ 45 and 164 had elected for Worshipful Master Members who had never served in the Office of Warden.

When on Motion it was Resolved, that the annual returns of Lodges N$^{o.}$ 45 and 164 for 1845 be referred to a committee of three to inquire into the circumstances attending the election of Bro. Alex$^{r.}$ M^{c}Cammon of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 45 and Bro. Alfred Creigh as worshipful Masters they never having served as Wardens of any Lodge.

Bro$^{s.}$ J. A. Phillips, Jn$^{o.}$ W. M^{c}Grath & Charles J. Henniss were appointed on said Committee.

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The following Communication was received from the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 152, at Easton, and referred to the Grand Officers, vz:

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Brethren,

As the representative of Easton Lodge, N°. 152, I, humbly and respectfully, ask the R^t. W. Grand Lodge for a remission of all her dues up to S^t. Johns day, Dec^r. 27, 1844, having paid the amount due as per returns for 1845 to the Grand Treasurer.

I know that this is asking much perhaps too much but I also know full well that it will be impossible for us to maintain our existance as a Lodge in case this request is refused, whereas if granted I feel assured that we can go on harmoniously and prosperously with the few members left and henceforth be able to make out our regular returns and payments of dues to the Grand Lodge.

The failure in making our returns for the Years 1843 & 1844 at the proper time must be attributed to the neglect of the Officers upon whom that duty devolved.

In making this request upon the Grand Lodge we have no other excuse to offer than actual inability to pay, and we can only say forgive us, we will endeavour to do better hereafter.

Signed. C. H. Williams,

Phil., Dec^r. 27, 1845. W. M. of Lodge N°. 152.

Communications were received from The Grand Lodge of Missouri, New Jersey and District of Columbia which were referred to the Committee on correspondence.

A Copy of Preamble & Resolutions which were passed by Lodge N°. 3 at a stated meeting held June 17, 1845, in relation to the Death of the Reverend James Milnor, Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, were read and ordered to be filed.

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to deliver the following Address

Brethren,

Called by your Suffrages to preside over the destinies of the Grand Lodge, for the Masonic Year commencing this day and having just taken the imposing and solemn obligations which was my pasport to this chair, I propose in a few brief remarks

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to detail to you the views and principles by which I shall be governed in my administration of the affairs.

Before doing so permit me to repeat the acknowledgement of my deep indebtedness to you for past and continued confidence, when by your voluntary action unaccompanied by any Solicitation of my own you raised me from the floor to the Station of your Senior Grand Warden. I felt that a distinction had been conferred upon me of which I might well be proud. As I remarked to you at the time of my Election as G. M., that was the beginning of which this is the end. A generous introduction to a noble conclusion—rendering the dignity I am now enjoying—the more delightful from the consciousness that no act of mine, originated the movement, but all has been the result of your own free selection and unbiassed judgement. The gratitude which springs from the heart, in answer to a tribute like this wants words to make itself known. It is deep. It must be lasting. It can never die but with the heart itself. Elevated and honored as the possession of this chair must make any one feel—that elevation and honor are undimmed by a single reflection that it has been obtained at the smallest sacrifice of Masonic faith or Masonic purity. As it has been acquired, so shall it be my aim to retain it until the time for leaving it arrives. When that shall come I hope my Masonic career as your distinguished head, may meet with your entire approval and that I shall pass from the chair with no abatement of the confidence which on your part led to my exaltation. The duties of a G. M. are of a high peculiar and responsible kind. Besides exercising a general supervision over the order, he is called upon to look into matters vitally affecting the interests of the G. L. and more or less tending to the prosperity of the Subordinate Lodges. To preserve the supremacy of the one, with a due regard to the just rights of the other, is a task requiring care and firmness, combined with courtesy and forbearance. While the paramount authority of the Grand Lodge should be seduously observed and always maintained, the exercise of her power should be seen and felt only in her parental sway. Her strength and glory, being the result of the increase and fruitfulness of her offspring. She should act in her jurisdiction, as to foster and encourage, not dishearten and oppress the Subordinate Lodge, while these in their turn should never

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forget the obedience that is due to the great head of the Craft, nor fail upon all occasions to render her full justice, to guard her rights from invasion, and keep her supremacy unimpaired as the only true and legitimate source of Masonic authority. Without obedience there can be neither law nor order, and there is no institution in the world, in which the gradations are so nicely preserved as in this, producing a finish which renders the architecture of its government harmonious & complete. From this power and under this government, do the Subordinate Lodges derive their existance and hold their sittings, & they are bound by the strongest ties, to cherish and preserve the source of Masonic Function. No act of theirs will, I am sure mar the just proportions of this Institution nor take from it our pillar by which it is sustained. They will be ready at all times to listen to suggestions which may be made for their benefit, and manifest a cheerful acquiescence in such regulations as may be prescribed by this body. In its usefulness and dignity they hold a deep and abiding interest and will advance the one, while they sustain the other. In such efforts the Grand Officers will be most happy to co-operate and unite with them in any measure which may be necessary for our general welfare.

It is not necessary that I should enumerate the powers and duties of the Grand Master. They are specifically set forth in the Ahiman Rezon, and the mere reading of them will shew their importance & magnitude. But among the most prominent of the obligations imposed upon him, is that of preserving the dignity and character of the oriental chair. Adorned as this place has been by the wise and good who have gone before me many of whom are now sleeping in the dust, while their Memories are embalmed in your hearts, I feel impressed by the solemn recollections of the past to strive to the uttermost to preserve the beauty & glory of the East. In this Hall then, where we are now congregated, let our gatherings be marked with all the decorum necessary to give interest to our proceedings and stamp our actions with the seal of reflection and judgement.

Not to me, but to the chair let your obedience be paid, and your reverence shewn, not to the man but the officer, the great head of the Masonic power in this Jurisdiction, with whom is

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intrusted the Symbol of authority and to whom is here given the care of our noble and Mysterious Order, which was, is, and ever shall be.

In the effort to sustain the position to which I have been advanced, every courtesy and forbearance shall be exhibited, brethren will be admonished if wrong, in the true Masonic Spirit, and that freedom of debate permitted which the good of the order shall require. The Chair respected & sustained by the brethren, and the brethren thus kindly and fraternally treated by the chair, we may hope that our deliberations will be productive of pleasure to ourselves and result in wholesome doings for the craft at large.

Among the impressive duties imposed upon me is that of adhering to the Book of Constitution and the By Laws of the Grand Lodge, and carefully to sustain the landmarks, usages & Customs of the Order. As the former may be written and the latter received, I am bound to enforce and preserve them. Let no complaints therefore, spring from my efforts in regard to the observance of the Rules & Regulations of the Grand Lodge. So long as they remain as they are, it is my province to carry them out. I am put here for that purpose and no good mason looking to the ceremony of my Installation would suggest an omission or departure from their letter or spirit. Nay he should be the first to rebuke me for my neglect and admonish me as to the future.

The character must be kept sacred, its provisions firmly but fraternally administered, and so exacted as to inflict no wound upon the most sensative heart. Looking to our Supreme Law we should be careful not to infringe any of its provisions, or treat with indifference its slightest requisitions.

Neglect in trifling points (If anything can deserve that name, which is made a part of our System of government) will soon lead to omissions of a graver character, until the feelings of responsibility becomes blunted and discord and disorder ensue. Besides with what propriety can the Grand Lodge, as the Superintendant of the Subordinate Lodges, complain of their omissions & irregularities if she herself fail to sett the example of harmony in her movements, and accuracy in her labors.

She should be a pattern for the rest in her mode of doing business, her close adherence to fundamental rules, and the

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marked respect she exhibits for that character by which she is regulated, the result of the wisdom of her purest and best men, tried, approved and accepted by the Order through Years of time. Coming through the ages which have preceeded us and transmitted from mind to mind and hand to hand, from the beginning of the world even until now, who does not perceive and feel that the land marks, usages and customs of the Order are a sacred trust to be guarded with sleepless vigilence, preserved from invasion and alloy, and given in all their Simplicity & Beauty to those who are to follow us in ages to come even to the end. These may not be written, they are only spoken on Masonic Ground, beneath Masonic Skies, to Masonic ears. They constitute the mysteries of the Craft and must not as we value its usefulness and perpetuity be given to the stranger to our cermonies. They are the links of all time in our world, past, present and to come. Unite brethren with me in the effort to impart them as we received them, and as we received them to send them down to our successors and to maintain our Temple in the spirit of its origin and beauty of its architecture, as displayed in the broad blaze of true Masonic light. In so doing we shall imitate the bright examples of the Wise & good who have preceeded us in the Mysteries of our order, and by their well spent lives as men & Masons (for the good Mason is ever the good Man) strengthened its foundations causing them to bid defiance to the hand of time, beneath which all things crumble into dust, preserving the Lodge in the language of the immortal Washington "as a sanctuary for Brothers and a place for the virtuous." It is the noblest work of human hands, its mission peace and love, sacred from its antiquity to which our faith and reverence are eminently due, and should be spontaneously rendered.

Known to each other by those words & signs, which constitute some of the land marks of the Order, there is yet another tie to which I would fain call your attention, the cement as it were of the material of our noble edifice. Vain would be the association if it had nothing in it of a spiritual & heavenly character. We venerate the Supreme Architect of the Universe as the source of light and life, and regard the terrestrial Lodge as a type of that not made with hands but immortal in the heavens. So impressed, and teaching that our Institution

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is founded on the Bible, it becomes us to practise those virtues which may enhance the cause of morality and religion here and fit us for the Grand Lodge above. The tie then, to which I would call your attention is made up of Faith, Hope & Charity.

These are the leading objects of Masonry. They are the brightest stars of the Institution shedding a holy influence upon its labours in the cause of humanity. Cherish then these principles, and temper justice with mercy, bearing with fortitude the allotment of your condition. In your intercourse with each other, let fraternal love abound, give to charity the widest sweep, comfort the afflicted, relieve the distressed, and bind up the broken heart of the mourner. Bear with an erring brother, admonish him not only once, but often gently, kindly, & seek to win him back to the true path and so establish him in it by soft persuasion and convincing argument that he may stray no more.

Acts like these are the Jewels of the order, they will speak trumpet tongued for us, not only here, but hereafter. They will make our institution the admiration of man, and let us humbly hope to win by them the approving smiles of heaven. The wise & prudent administration of the financial concerns of the Grand Lodge by my predecessors, has left nothing material for me to do in this branch of my duty, still I shall give this subject my careful attention & perfect, if there be any room for it, the work of abler hands than mine. With a permanent Charity Fund for the relief of the widow and orphans and a noble legacy, the interest of which is solely applied to benefit poor and deserving Masons, our ability to do good is a happy one, and we should indulge it to the utmost, permitting no tear to fall which our hands can stay, no suffering to continue, which we have the power to heal.

The duty which lies upon us in respect to this legacy is one of the most sacred character. We are the trustees not merely for the living, but the dead. Reposing confidence in our ability as well as disposition to deal justly, our deceased brother Girard has made us his almoners, he has cast on our shoulders the sacred mantle of his charity. Though dead he lives in the abundence of his Masonic Love, as manifested by this Monument of his beneficence, his spirit now freed from an earthly Lodge, could not forsake its terrestrial abode without imparting to the order

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a convincing proof of his confidence in its usefulness, integrity and virtue. Hallowed then, be the deposit and may the fruit which springs from it under our care, be such as to justify his selection. May it be the source of relief, of comfort & of happiness to the afflicted but meretorious of our brethren, and so administered and distributed as to reflect credit upon the Grand Lodge and bring increased renown to the Masonic Fraternity, causing the Jewel of Charity to shine with a pure & holy lustre. Thus making my appearance in the East with these declarations upon my tongue and such feelings in my heart, I embark upon the career to which you have destined me by your confidence and your votes. I do not flatter myself with the vain expectation that I am to live it out free from error, this is not the lot of humanity. But when errors occur I shall throw myself upon your indulgence, and invoke the shield of fraternal love, that noble feature of the Mystic tie, which should never be appealed to in vain.

With a firm intention to perform the task alloted me, in a decided but generous spirit, a deep devotion to the interests of the order and a veneration and attachment undying in its character to its sublime origin & noble design, I ask for your Masonic and Brotherly cooperation to the end that harmony may be seen in our councils. Order, Heavens first law, be respected and sustained, Love promoted and cherished, Charity welcomed and extended, and our noble institution further exalted in prosperity and honor to the Glory of the Great Architect of universal nature.

On motion of Bro. Bayse Newcomb and seconded by Bro. Richard Vaux it was unanimously Resolved,

That the address just delivered by the Right Worshipful Grand Master be referred to the Committee on Publication with instructions to have a sufficient number of Copies printed and done up in pamphlet form, and circulated amongst the Members.

Grand Lodge Closed in peace at a ¼ to 1 O'clock.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

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PHIL., Monday, March 2nd, 1846, 5846.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. James Page,	R^t. W.	G. Master.
" Peter Fritz,	" "	D. G. Master.
" W^m. Whitney,	" "	S^r. G. Warden.
" A. Bournonville,	" "	J^r. G. do.
" John Thomson,	" "	G. Treas^r.
" W^m. H. Adams,	" "	G. Sec^y.
" W^m. W. Thomson,	" "	D. G. do.
" Thomas B. Florence,		S^r. G. Warden.
" C. C. Williams,		J^r. G. Warden.
" Samuel Ashton,		G. Chaplain.
" Henry G. Smith,		G. Marshall.
" Jacob Steiner,		G. S. Bearer.
" Rob^t. M^cCulloch,		G. Pursuivant.

Lodges Represented.

No. 2, Richardson, Samuels.
" 3, M^cCulloch, Page, Florence, Thomson, M^cKaraher, Moore, Skerritt, Martin, Heysham.
" 9, Creasey, Kelly.
" 19, Hodges, Bradley, Haswell, Patton, Smith.
" 51, Whitney, Bouvier, Thomson, Israel.
" 52, Patton, Thomson, Yeager.
" 59, Adams, Barrington, Davenport.
" 67, Simon, Smith.
" 71, M. & L. Hyneman, Phillips, Weikle, Myers.
" 72, Williams, West, Peacock.
" 91, Hart.
" 114, Thomson, Baxter, M^cIntire, Benner, Bruner, Kelly.
" 115, Humes, Archambault, Heimberger.
" 121, Patterson, Vaux, Davis, Traquair.
" 125, Bournonville, Steiner, Tilge, Aichternacht.
" 130, Lescure, M^cGrath, Shultz, Sleeper.
" 155, Abrahams, Fritz, Martin.
" 158, Hamilton, Oliver, Barnstead, Moore, Lowe, Ewing.

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No. 186, Homer.
" 187, Albright.
" 211, Jones, Cartwright, Singleton, Page.
Proxies, No. 22 W^m Whitney, No. 45 L. Hyneman, No. 82, 108, 138 William H. Adams, No. 218 Jn^o Thomson.

Twenty Seven Lodges Represented Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at half past Six O'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of Quarterly Communication Dec^r. 1^ts, 1845, were read and adopted.

The Minutes of the Adjourned Quarterly Communication Dec^r. 15^th, 1845, were read and adopted.

The Minutes of the Annual Grand Communication Saturday, December 27^th, 1845, were read and adopted.

All but Past Masters having withdrawn Brother Peter Fritz the R^t. W. Deputy Grand Master Elect was duly installed in Ancient and Solemn form, and being duly proclaimed received the Cordial and accustomed salutations of the brethren.

The brethren who had withdrawn were readmitted.

A Copy of the By Laws of Lodge N^o. 203 was received and referred to the Committee on By Laws.

An alteration to the By Laws of Lodge N^o. 199 was brot before the Grand Lodge and referred to the Committee on By Laws.

An application was received & read from the following named brethren for the revival & reorganization of Evergreen Lodge, N^o. 163, at Monroton, Bradford County, Pa., naming Bro^s. Eliphalet Mason, W. M.; Simon Kinney, S^r. W.; Russel Fowler, J^r. W.; also further praying permission to hold such properties of Evergreen Lodge, N^o. 163, as may come into their possession.

Signed by Eliphalet Mason, Ebenezer Mason, Anslen Fowler, Russel Fowler, of N^o. 163, Burr Ridgeway formerly of 163 now of 108, Gleason Sweet, J. L. Rockwell, D. C. Salsbury, P. C. Ward, W^m. Strickland, Anthony Mullin, W^m. Gosline, S. S. Kinnan, H. S. Salsbury, G. F. Mason of N^o. 108, accompanied also by a recommendation from Lodge N^o. 108.

Which on motion was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A Petition for a New Warrant to be held in Pittsburg was read, signed by the following named brethren, viz:

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Richard Cowan late of N°. 45, Henry M. Smith late of N° 45, Alex^r. Tindall late of N° 165, W^m. J. Davit late of N° 45, George R. White late of N° 165, S. Jones late of N° 113, James Shidle P. M. of N°. 165, Ge°. W. Larey P. M. of N° 61, Edw^d. S. Butler late M^t. Moriah, Lous., Ky., naming the Following brethren as officers, viz: Richard Cowen, W. M.; Alexander Tindal, S^r. W.; Henry M. Smith, J^r. W. accompanying the petition was a recommendation from Lodge N°. 45 at Pittsburg.

When on Motion duly made and 2^nd the Application was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The following report was received, read and ordered to be filed, vz:

To James Page, R^t. W. Grand Master, Officers & Brethren of the R^t. W. G. Lodge of Penns^a.

The undersigned respectfully reports that the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity fund met in pursuance of their Appointment on Monday Evening the 29^th Dec^r. 1844, and organized in accordance with the regulations of the Grand Lodge. In the discharge of their duties during the Year ending S^t. Johns day last, they have extended relief to Forty three poor and respectable brethren amt^s. to, . . . $825.00

of whom 30 hailed from Penns., . . . $640

& 13 do. from foreign Lodges, . 185 825.00

of these 10 have died, 6 were transient & 27 may again ask relief.

Bal. in Treasury last report, ... $ 260

Amount appro^d. for the Year Ending 1^st of July, 1846, ... "1500 1760.00

from which deduct as follows:

Amt. p^d. out during 1^st, 2^d, 3 & 4^th qrs., . . . 825.00

Leaves a balance unexpended of, ... $935.00

The Stewards finding it requisite to have a register of the names of all applicants for relief, a book for that purpose was ordered to be procured, for which an order was drawn on the Treasurer of the Girard Bequest for 2.50.

Signed. R. R. Moore,

Jan^y. 1^st. 1846. President.

The following report was received, read and ordered to filed, viz:

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To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned to whom was referred the application of several Brethren for the revival of Lodge N°. 106, at Williamsport, Lycoming County, Penns^a., respectfully report,

That the duty has been attended to & on the 21^st of January the R^t. W. Grand Master Issued his dispensation to reopen and reorganize said Lodge and on the 6^th of Feb^y. the Grand Secretary received returns shewing the reopening & revival of Lodge N°. 161, at Williamsport, Lycoming County, Pa., on the 30^th of Jan^y., 1846, with nine members, Officers included.

Your Committee offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the proceedings be approved and the Committee discharged. Signed by the Grand Officers,

Phil., Mar. 2^nd, 1846. Committee.

The following report was received, read and ordered to be filed.

To the R^t. W. Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

The Committee on publication Beg leave to report that the Inaugural address of the R^t. W. Grand Master delivered on S^t. Johns day last together with the report of the Committee of correspondence has been placed by them in the hands of Bro. Tho^s. S. Manning with direction to print Three hundred Copies in Pamphlet form. Bro. Manning assured them that the work should be done as cheap and as soon as possible, in all probability it will be completed by the first of April. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Signed. E. P. Lescure,

March 2^d, 1846. W^m. Clinton, Committee.

On motion of Bro. John W. M^cGrath & seconded, the Committee on publications were directed to have Five hundred of the Addresses printed & prepared instead of Three hundred, as per their report.

The following report from the Committee on Correspondence was received & accepted and the resolution thereunto appended adopted, viz:

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report, that they are engaged in the examination of the proceedings of the different Grand Lodges presented for their consideration and take great pleasure in announcing that the Grand Lodge of

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Texas, Louisianna & Wisconsin appear to be in a healthy & prosperous condition.

In looking over the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Florida your Committee were much surprised by the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, that the Installation of the Grand Officers to be elected and appointed for the next Year take place in publick on Wednesday next at 12 O'c. & that a procession be formed and march to the Presbyterian Church where an oration will be delivered and the ceremonies of Installation be performed & that Bro. R. W. White, Harvey R. Taylor and A. J. Fisher be a committee to make suitable arrangements for the procession, Oration & Installation (p. 4).

Accordingly on Wednesday, Jan^{y}· 15, A. L. 5845, find it recorded at Page 9, "The procession marched through the principal streets of the City (Tallahasse) to the Presbyterian Church, where the throne of Grace was addressed in fervent prayer & an eloquent oration was delivered. After which the ceremony of Installation was performed by M. W. John P. Duval, P. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida, in Solemn and Ancient form with appropriate anthems. by the Presbyterian Choir.

In the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, held at Milledgeville, it is recorded that on Wednesday evening Nov^{r}· 6th, A. L. 5844, resolved that the Installation of Grand Officers take place in the church immediately after the delivery of the address.

Thursday, Nov^{r}· 7th, 1844, 5844. A procession was formed, After a prayer by the Gr^{d}· Chaplain, an Address was delivered by Bro. W^{m}· Flint, After which the M. W. P. G. M., P. T. Schley, Installed the Gr^{d}· Officers Elect in the Methodist Episcopal Church the procession returned to the Hall.

Your Committee would most respectfully offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Communications received from the Grand Lodge of Florida and also the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia be referred to the Committee on Land Marks with a request that they report to the Grand Lodge whether the publick Installation of the Grand Officers is a violation of the usages of the order.

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All of which is respectfully submitted.
March 2d. 1846. Signed. D. C. Skerrett.
Jn°. W. McGrath.

The following report was received, read and accepted, viz:
To the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee appointed under a resolution adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge at its last Quarterly Grand Communication Authorizing it to inquire into certain charges made against the W. M. and S. W. of Lodge N°. 9 beg leave respectfully to report that the Committee have enquired into the charges and statements made and set forth in the premises and find that the following facts exist.

1st. That the sum of 50$ was obtained in the name of Lodge N°. 9 upon an order signed by the W. M. and attested by the Secretary of the said Lodge for the use of the S. W. of the said Lodge in his individual character.

2nd. That the money so obtained was received by the S. W. and repaid to the Lodge between the stated meetings of the said Lodge.

3rd. That there is no evidence or suspicion existing in the minds of any of the parties intrusted in this subject to shew or cause to be believed that any dishonest or criminal intent induced the money to be thus drawn from the Treasury of Lodge N°.9 it was done or was considered at the time more as a favour, than anything else and was regarded in the light of a collateral security rather than money to be used directly by either party.

In view of these facts your committee have thought it not only binding on them to say that while no improper or illegal intentions existed in the minds of the parties and while their character is beyond suspicion of dishonesty Yet your committee regard it as their duty to express to the R. W. G. Lodge their belief that the spirit & integrity, the honor & usefulness of true Masonry lies in the Strictest obedience to all the good rules & regulations & By Laws of the Grand & Subordinate Lodges, and the truest allegiance to the ancient land marks of the order. Your Committee therefore offer the following resolution.

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Resolved, that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Signed. Wm. M. Martin, Richd. Vaux, Jno. W. McGrath, Committee.

The following report was received and the resolution appended, adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

The Committee appointed on last St. Johns Day to enquire into the circumstances attending the late elections of W. M. in Pittsburg Lodge, No. 45, & Washington Lodge, No. 164, in apparent contravention of the rules and regulations of the Grd. Lodge.

Respectfully report: That in the discharge of their duties they have received much testimony, conclusively establishing the fact that in neither of those Lodges could any duly qualified brother be found who woul accept of the office or serve if Elected. Your committee deem it unnecessary to give the evidence in detail as calculated to swell the report. Suffice it to say that it is in no respect contradictory and all tends to prove the one fact, under these circumstances the Lodges considered themselves brought within the exception of the Ahiman Rezon and elected as W. M. brethren who had not previously served as Wardens, but in other respects Zealous, well qualified & efficient Masons & your Committee Concur with them in opinion that they have fairly made out the case of necessity contemplated by the rules & regulations of the G. Lodge and offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted by

J. A. Phillips, Cha[s]. J. Henniss, Jno. W. McGrath, Committee.

March 2nd, 1846.

The following report was received and accepted, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

The Hall Committee Report that they have met weekly through the Year and attended to the duties assigned them. A Resolution of the Grand Lodge directing the committee to remit the rent of the Room occupied by the Stewards of the Girard bequest and furnish them with another has been complied with, and the room rented again at Sixty dollars per

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Year. The Grand Lodge Room has been hung with black and the Jewels of the Grand Officers put in Mourning in commemoration of our late venerable Bro. Gen$^{l.}$ Andrew Jackson, P. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee until S$^{t.}$ Johns day. By a Resolution of the Grand Lodge of July 7, 1845.

The water conductor and roof over the Arch Room was so defective that the Committee found it necessary to have it thoroughly repaired, all the apartments that the Hall have to rent continue occupied and the rents punctually paid.

The Committee have collected for Rent 393 Dollars and paid it over to the Grand Treasurer and have passed bills amounting to $\$649\frac{57}{100}$, viz: Taxes $244\frac{80}{100}$, Gas $268\frac{80}{100}$, Fuel $52\frac{50}{100}$, Repairs $83\frac{77}{100}$. All of which is most Respectfully Submitted.

Philad$^{a.,}$ Dec$^{r.}$ 27^{th,} 1845.

Signed. Cha$^{s.}$ M^{c}Karaher, John C. Smith, Rob$^{t.}$ Patton, Committee.

The following report from the Committee on by Laws was received and accepted.

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on By Laws respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the By Laws of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 143, at Chambersburg, the By Laws of N$^{o.}$ 203, at Lewistown, also an alteration in the by Laws of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 164, at Washington, Pa., No. 199, Lock Haven, Clinton County, Pa., and finding nothing inconsistent with the Land Marks of the Order respectfully Offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the By Laws of Lodges N$^{o.}$ 143 & 203 also the Alteration in the By Laws of Lodges N$^{o.}$ 164 & 199 be approved.

Signed. James Hutchinson, W$^{m.}$ H. Adams, Committee.

Feb$^{y.}$ 28, 1846.

The following Communication was received, read and ordered to be spread on the Minutes, "viz":

Brownsville, Fayette Co., Jan$^{y.}$ 14, 1846.

To the R$^{t.}$ W. G. Master of Masons in and for the State of Pennsylvania.

R$^{t.}$ W. Sir & Bro.,

In obedience to the duties enjoined upon me as D. D. Grand Master of the district composed of the Counties of

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Fayette and Greene I beg leave to make the following short report. Masonry in this quarter owing to a diversity of causes has for several Years been on the decline, that virulent opposition which had its origin in political purposes & which operated to the prejudice of the institution through the State has still left its dregs in this quarter, there being only two Lodges in my district my duties are of no great extent. Waynesburg Lodge, N°. 153, being about 20 Miles distant I have not been able to visit since my last report, but I have every reason to believe they are doing well the members are not many but I believe respectable. Brownsville Lodge, N°. 60, of which I am a Member have had but few accessions but in a safe condition we have a fine two story brick Hall that has cost us $1400 & we have it all paid for & out of Debt & funds in the Treasury.

Signed. C. P. Gummert, D. D. G. M.

A Special return from Lodge N°. 2 shewing the rejection of J. W. E— for Membership was received, read and ordered to be filed. Dated Feb^{y}. 17th, 1846.

The following Communication was received and accepted, viz:

Pittsburg, Feb^{y}. 4, 1846.

William H. Adams,

Dr. Sir & Bro.,

The action taken by Lodge N°. 45 in regard to W— M^{c}C— is in my opinion correct and have therefore decided so; his addressing and troubleing the Grand Lodge about the matter was owing to one of his inebriate freaks, and I am Glad the Grand Lodge has taken no further notice of it. He will not reform and as a matter of course we are bound to lay him on the shelf, at least for the present.

Signed. John Birmingham.

General returns were received from Lodge N°. 2 and referred back for correction.

Returns were received from the following Lodges read and ordered to be filed.

Lodge N°. 9, Philadelphia. General returns for 1845. Suspension of J— F. D— for N. P. of dues.

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Lodge N°. 19, Philad^a. General Returns for 1845. Suspension of N— L— and M— C— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N°. 22, Sunbury. Returns for 1845. Suspension of C— D. W—, W— B—, J— M—, D— H—, W— H. K—, S— S. F— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N°. 51, General returns for 1845. Suspension for N. P. of dues of W— D. G—, C— W. G—.

Lodge N°. 52, General returns for 1845. No suspensions or Expulsions.

Lodge N°. 60, for 1845 at Brownsville. No Suspensions or Expulsions.

Lodge N°. 62, at Reading for 1845. Suspension of M— B—, P. M. B—, A. M. D—, S. F—, H— G—, G— G—, R— H—, H— M—, W— R—, C— S—, A— T—, J— S— for non payment of dues. Rejection of C. W. S—, Minister of the Gospel & G— W. W— N—.

Lodge N°. 67, for 1845. No suspensions or rejections.

Lodge N°. 71, for 1845. Suspension of J— G— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N°. 82, Milford, for 1845. No suspension or rejections.

Lodge N°. 91, for 1845. No suspensions or expulsions.

Lodge N°. 121, for 1845. No suspensions or Expulsions.

Lodge N°. 125, for 1845. No suspensions or Expulsions.

Lodge N°. 135, at Manayunk, for 1845. Reinstatement of Silas Timbers. No Suspensions or Expulsions.

Lodge N°. 155, for 1845. Suspension of J— H—, W— Y. W—, T— D— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N°. 158, for 1845. No Suspensions or Expulsions.

Lodge N°. 187, for 1845. Suspension of J— A. W—, J— A— for N. P. of Dues. Reinstatement of Cha^s. A. Creasey.

Lodge N°. 190, for 1845. No Suspensions or Expulsions.

Lodge N°. 194, at Selins Grove, for 1845. No Suspensions or rejections.

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Lodge N°. 197, at Carlisle, for 1845. Rejection of R —C. W—, farmer. No Suspensions or Expulsions.

Lodge N°. 199, at Lock Haven, Clinton C^y. No Suspensions or Expulsions.

Lodge N°. 203, at Lewistown, Mifflin Co^y. No Suspensions or Expulsions.

The Grand Secretary informed the Grand Lodge that the Four last named Lodges had elected for Worshipful Master Members who had never served in the Office of Warden, that he had written to the late Officers of those lodges to state the reasons of the members for deviating from the regulations of the Grand Lodge and had received an answer

from Benjamin Park of Lodge N°. 21 dated Feb^y.
from Henry Pettibone " " " 61 " Feb^y. 23, 1846.
" Jackson M^cFadden " " 144 " " 23, 1846.
" Ab^m. L. Duffenbacker " " 148 " " 18, 1846.

The said Letters being read and those received from Lodges N°. 61, at Wilkesbarre, and N°. 148, at Northumberland, being satisfactory the Election was confirmed.

The letters received from Lodges N°. 21, at Harrisburg, and N°. 144, at Lewisburg, not being satisfactory the annual returns from said Lodges were referred to a Committee of three to enquire into the Circumstances of the Election, &c.

Brothers Patton of N°. 52, Phillips of N°. 71 and W^m. Martin of N°. 3 were appointed on said Committee.

Communications were received from the following Grand Lodges and referred to the Committee on Correspondence, viz:

Grand Lodge of Illinois, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Maryland, Missouri, Virginia, Tennessee.

Also Four numbers of the American Masonic Register.

On Motion of W^m. M. Martin & Seconded, it was

Resolved, That a committee of Three be appointed to Inquire into the expediency of effecting a change in the assessments of the dues of the subordinate Lodges.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bro^s. W^m. M. Martin, Leon Hyneman, Jn°. W. M^cGrath said Committee.

The Grand Secretary stated that no returns had been received from Lodge N°. 81, at Germantown Since 1841; Lodge

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N°. 102, at Frankford Since 1838; Lodge N°. 136, at Abbington Since 1836; Lodge N°. 156, at Chestnut Level Since 1839.

Also that he had understood that persons in Bristol & Germantown held property to a considerable amount belonging to Lodge N°. 25 formerly held at Bristol & Lodge N°. 81, held at Germantown.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved, that the Communication Just made by the Grand Secretary be referred to the Grand Officers.

On Motion duly made and Seconded, it was resolved, that the sum of Fifty dollars be and is hereby appropriated to the use of the Charity Committee, to be by them disbursed in accordance with a former Resolution of this Grand Lodge adopted Sept^r. 2^d. 1844.

On Motion the following Brethren were admitted as Visitors during the Evening, viz:

Richard Leach, E. J. Dennison, George W. Dewey, Ge° Bilger of N° 3, Jo^s O. Pollard of N° 67, Philip De Young of N° 71, Thomas B. Tibbils, Edwin T. Chase of N° 72, John G. Sharp of N° 114, William A. Burns of N° 186.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past Nine O'Clock, P. M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

PHIL^a., Monday, June 1st, 1846.

Grand Lodge of Penns., Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. James Page,	R^t. W. G. M.
" Peter Fritz,	" " D. G. M.
" W^m. Whitney,	" " S^r. G. W.
" A. Bournonville,	" " J^r. G. W.
" John Thomson,	" " G. T.
" W^m. H. Adams,	" " G. Sec^y.
" W. W. Smith,	" " D. G. Sec^y.
" Peter Van Pelt,	G. Chaplain.
" Henry G. Smith,	G. Marshall.
" Robert M^cCulloch,	" Pursuivant.
" Tho^s. B. Florence,	S^r. G. Deacon.
" C. C. Williams,	J^r. G. Deacon.

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Lodges Represented.

No. 2, Samuels.
" 3, M^c^Culloch, Page, Skerritt, Moore, Martin.
" 9, Creasey, Kelly, Lendrim.
" 19, Bradley, Smith, Parkes, English, Griscom, Hodges.
" 51, Thomson, Sutz, Whitney.
" 52, Patton.
" 59, Adams, Smith, Davenport, Watson, Barrington, Middleton.
" 67, Simpson, Weeks, Jones, Smith.
" 71, Vancollum, M. Hyneman, Golden.
" 72, Clinton, West, Peacock, Thomson.
" 81, Roop.
" 91, Jones, Henniss, Neagle.
" 114, Thomson, Kelly, Spackman, Krider, Bruner.
" 115, Humes, Heimberger.
" 121, Vaux, Davis, Flanigan, Fraser.
" 125, Viereck, Bournonville, Aichternacht.
" 130, Brewster, Heyward, M^c^Grath, Lescure, Riley, Shultz.
" 155, Martin, Fritz.
" 158, Oliver, Barnstead.
" 186, Russell.
" 187, Hill, Rittenhouse.
" 211, Page, Cartwright, M^c^Kenney, Singleton, Dorlan.
Proxies, Bro. Whitney N° 22, Adams 82, 108, & 138, Page for 190, Riley 201, Thomson, 218.

Twenty Nine Lodges Represented, Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 7½ O'Clock.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication March 2^nd,^ 1846, were read and Adopted.

The following Communications were received, read and referred to the Grand Officers with power to Act.

To the R. W. G. L. of Pennsylvania.

The Petition of the Subscribers of Hiram Lodge, No. 81, held at Germantown, Respectfully represents.

That their Labours have been Suspended since Feb^y.^ 15, 1840. That in consequence of the indisposition of the Secretary & inattention of the Members they have not held an Annual Election. Since they are poor in funds but willing to pay up

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their dues to the G. L. up to the last returns made by the Lodge. There appears at present to be a strong desire of the members (tho' few in number) and some who have withdrawn to have the Lodge revived & commence their Labors anew. We therefore pray the R. W. G. Lodge to permit us to hold an Election for Officers and reorganize and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed. Daniel Snyder.
Jo$^{s.}$ Dickinson.
Jacob Roop.

We the undersigned formerly members of Hiram Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 81, but on account of some difficulties respecting the affairs of the Lodge, we with many more suffered ourselves to be suspended.

The Lodge has ceased its Labours for a length of time, contrary to the wishes of its former Members we therefore humbly pray your Honourable Lodge to reinstate us and remit our dues.

The Lodge has no funds but holds a property worth 12 or 1500 Dollars, which is a dead letter to the Lodge as no interest has been received therefrom, if we were enabled to hold an Election and reopen forthwith we have flattering encouragement that many would Join us. At all events it is certainly necessary that the property now in the possession of Lodge No. 81 should undergo some change.

If we have forfeited our charter we then pray the Grand Lodge to grant us a new one & enable us to enter on our duties again. A Committee from the Grand Lodge to investigate the affairs of the Lodge would be satisfactory & be the means of uniting us once more & as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

Signed. Jacob Wunder.
John Johnson.
Henry Dickerson.

A Communication was received from Bro. Adam Bender Stating that he was formerly a Member of the late Lodge N$^{o.}$ 131 and at the Surrender of the Warrant owed Sixteen dollars $\frac{50}{100}$, which sum owing to Sickness he is unable at present to pay therefore respectfully prays the Grand Lodge to remit the Same.

Which on Motion was refered to the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund.

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A Communication was received praying for the reorganization of Hiram Tyrian Lodge, N°. 144, at Halifax, Dauphin County, Penns^a., signed as follows: Samuel Faunce, Oliver Baskin, Mathias Freck, Michael Swigert, Rob^t. H. Awl & Joseph Brubaker formerly Members of Lodge N°. 141, H. Christman, C. F. Munich, C. A. Snyder & J. W. Cake late of No. 21 at Harrisburg; naming Bro. D. A. Munich as W. M.; Bro. Oliver Baskin, S^r. W., & Bro. R. W. Awl as J^r. Warden.

Which on Motion was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The following Communication was received and read, viz: To Brother James Page, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and a Past Master of Lodge No. 3 under the Jurisdiction of the said R. W. G. Lodge.

At a Stated meeting of Charity Lodge, No. 190, held at the Lodge Room in Norristown, on the Eleventh day of April, A. D. 1846, A. L. 5846, You were appointed the Representative of this Lodge in the said R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Witness our hands and the seal of the Lodge this fifteenth day of April, A. D. 1846, A. L. 5846.

Signed. Christian Miller, W. M.

Attest: William Rossetter,
Secretary.

On Motion duly made and Seconded, Bro. James Page was recognized as the Proxy of Lodge No. 190.

The following Communication was received and read, viz: To the R. Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

Friends and brethren,

It is no doubt known to most of you that several applications have been made by the fraternity in this district to the Right Worshipful the Grand Master asking for the appointment of a deputy Grand Master for this district and that these applications have been followed by his refusal to grant us what we thought a reasonable and proper request and his annexing this district to that composed of the Counties of Fayette & Greene. It was then thought expedient to call a meeting of the brethren that such action should be had upon the subject as might Lead to a satisfactory result. That meeting was well

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attended, much interest in the matter submitted to it was manifested and great unanimity prevailed. After Mature deliberation a committee of five of the brethren was appointed and instructed again to address the Grand Master asking him respectfully but at the same time firmly to grant us our request. The committee thus Appointed drew up the letter to the Grand Master and presented it to the brethren at a meeing called for that purpose when it met with the approbation of all the brethren present. In that letter the Committee endeavoured to lay before the Grand Master such reasons as in their Judgement were best calculated to convince him of the Justice and propriety of our request and was transmitted by a brother well acquainted with our feelings and who would be able to answer any reasonable enquirey. The answer of the Grand Master called from us this address to you.

It may perhaps seem somewhat Irregular to address the Grand Lodge upon a subject that properly belongs to the Grand Master alone and is under his direction and controul but we do so because in a converstion had with a brother of Lodge No. 45, some days since, the Grand Master said, that Altho he was of opinion that there should be no more than Four districts in the State, he would forego his own opinion if the Grand Lodge thought otherwise and also because we knew that no one (certainly no Mason) should set up his own judgement in opposition to that of a number of his brethren understandingly and honestly expressed.

For nearly Forty Years the County of Allegheny has had within her borders a resident D. D. G. M. The expiration of the term for which the last appointment was made having left the office vacant this Ancient district is dismembered and without nay against the consent and under the remonstrance of its members is annexed to the district composed of the Counties of Fayette and Greene. That this district in which is placed the Second City in the Commonwealth with its teeming thousands, its commanding position, its influence, its connexions with the Vallies of the Ohio and Mississippi and the great West, should be thought to insignificant to deserve even a deputy G. M. is scarcely credible, and not that alone it is annexed to another district, younger by many Years, inferior in population and influence on the cause of Masonry. We are

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told too by the Grand Master that he "does consider the appointment we ask for either proper or at all necessary every purpose in regard to such an officer being easily effected through the D. D. G. M. at Brownsville." Now let us not be misunderstood as entertaining any the least disrespect for that district or the brother who holds the appointment D. D. G. M. there, any and every such feeling we utterly disclaim but we think we would be wanting in self respect did we not under the circumstances of the case refuse an assent to such a Measure.

For many Years this district has laboured under difficulties of various kinds no district in the State has suffered more from antimasonic wickidness than this and now when it is beginning to revive, where a true Masonic Spirit is found to prevail, when we are struggling to regain our strength and recover our lost influence to be cast off by the very Arm on which we hoped to lean, by the very hand from which we expected encouragement and aid causes us no little doubt and apprehension. We are told by the Grand Master that "the importance of D. D. G. M. is not apparent to him" and he thinks the appointment a matter of small moment. If it be of small moment why not grant it, if its importance is not apparent to him, it is to us and it is on that account we require it. Indeed we have thought that if there were to be but two D. D. G. Masters in the State the district of which the City of Pittsburg is the head is entitled to one of them.

The determination of the Craft here is we believe without exception, not to recognize our annexation to any other district but to maintain our own dignity by submitting to the inconvenience resulting from the want of a district D. Grand Master rather than accede to the terms that are offered us. Some would go further much further, but the majority of us are anxious, exceedingly anxious, for such a settlement of this question as may restore full confidence and esteem, that from the East to the West of our beloved Country brotherly love may abound and true Masonic harmony may prevail.

We now ask you friends and brethren to interpose between us and the decision of the Grand Master, and by your kindly interference you may effect such an arrangement of this matter, as may comport with the dignity of that office, and the duty we owe ourselves. We ask for no new thing, no special advan-

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tage nothing but what we have always had and what in all Justice we should be permitted to retain we think we ask for nothing of doubtful utility or that may tend in any way to the injury of Masonry, but we believe that it is useful, profitable and necessary that such an officer should reside in the City of Pittsburg, and that thereby the good of Masonry will be promoted the influence of its members increased and a general & wholesome spirit more extensively diffused.

Very respect$^{y.}$ &c.,

Signed. Geo. W. Layng, A. Tindle,
John Bigler, W. W. Wilson,
May 25/46. Rich$^{d.}$ Cowan, Committee.

On Motion of Bro. R. R. Moore and Seconded by William Whitney the Communication just read was laid on the Table.

The following Communication was received, read and ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

To the R$^{t.}$ W. the Grand Master and brethren of the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

Brethren,

The undersigned have been appointed a Committee by Lodge N$^{o.}$ 45 to Invite your honourable Body to participate with us in the celebration of S$^{t.}$ John the Baptist the 24th day of June next. Fraternally and Truly Yours,

A. M. Cammon.
Sam$^{l.}$ M^{c}Kinley.
Pittsburg, May 17, 1846. John Bigler.

A Communication was received from Lodge No. 203, at Lewistown, Penns., asking for an alteration to the By Laws which was referred to the Committee on By Laws.

A Communication was received from Lodge No. 19, asking the Grand Lodge to Sanction an amendment to the By Laws, which was referred to the Committee on By Laws.

The following report from the Committee of Finance was received, read and ordered to be filed, "viz:"

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report a Statement of the receipts and payments of the Grand Treasurer for and on account of the R. W. G. Lodge for the quarter ending Dec$^{r.}$ 31$^{st.}$ 1845.

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Receipts.

From Lodges for Rent, &c., . . .		$ 496	
" Sup$^{t.}$ Chestnut S$^{t.}$ Hall, &c., .		"1576.95	
" Hall Com$^{e.}$ for Rent 3^{d} S$^{t.}$ Hall,		" 83.00	
" Grand Secretary for Dispensations & Certificates, . . .		" 28.00	$2183.95

Payments.

For In$^{t.}$ on Mortgages 3^{d} S$^{t.}$ Hall, .		$ 530.00	
" Expenses 3^{d} S$^{t.}$ Hall, viz:			
" Taxes, ...	$244.80		
" Gas, ...	" 50.73		
Advertising Ches$^{t.}$ S$^{t.}$ Hall, ...	" 6.00		
Current Ex. by Tyler, .	" 6.58		
Com. Collecting Check, .	17		
Salaries, viz: Grand Treasurer,	" 50.00		
" Secretary,	"200.00		
" Tyler, .	" 50.50	$ 608.78	
For Chestnut S$^{t.}$ Hall, viz:			
Commissions, . . .	$111.71		
Current Expenses, . .	"179.91		
Gas to Nov$^{r.}$ 7, 1845, .	"107.16		
City Taxes, . . .	"169.20		
New Curtains, . . .	" 98.70		
Paper & papering, . .	4.45	$ 671.13	$1809.91
Am$^{t.}$ of Receipts Ex. Expenses, . .		. . .	$ 374.04
Bal. Sept$^{r.}$ 30, 1845, ...		$1591.98	
Dec$^{r.}$ 31, "		"1966.02	$ 374.04

Phil., April 6, 1846.

Signed. Ge$^{o.}$ H. Oliver, Ge$^{o.}$ Smith,
J. R. Flanigan, A. E. Dougherty,
Committee.

The following Preamble & Resolutions were offered by Bro. Jo$^{s.}$ S. Riley, "viz:"

Whereas, There has been no statement of the Finances of the Grand Lodge since the Year 1838.

And Whereas, a crisis has now arrived in our affairs which renders it interesting to every member who takes a lively in-

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terest in the prosperity of the Grand Lodge to know her present condition.

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Grand Secretary prepare a Statement of our finances shewing the total indebtedness of the Grand Lodge on the first day of January, 1839, and on the first day of January, 1846. Stating Separately each class of indebtedness under its proper head leaving out of the statement the trust accounts of the Grand Lodge.

Also, a Statement of our probable receipts and disbursements for the current year, arranging the several items under their separate and distinct heads.

It being Stated that the R^t. W. Grand Master intended in an address which he was about to make to bring before the Grand Lodge a Statement of her Finances for the last Four Years; also the probable Income for the Year 1846, when

It was resolved that the foregoing preamble and Resolution be laid on the Table.

The following report was received, Read and ordered to be filed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

The undersigned Committee on publication beg leave to report, That the 500 Copies of the report of the Committee of correspondence together with the inaugural address of the R. W. G. Master delivered on S^t. Johns day last and ordered to be published in Pamphlet form has been completed by Bro. Tho^s. S. Manning. One hundred Copies of which they have caused to be enveloped to forward to the several Grand Lodges with which this Grand Lodge is in communication and the Subordinate Lodges throughout the State of Penns^a.

The remaining Four hundred Copies are now on the Table of the R. W. Grand Sec^y. by whom the Members will be supplied on application.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Phil., June 1^st, 1846, A. L. 5846.

Signed. E. P. Lescure,
W^m. Clinton,
Joshua Mitchell,
Committee.

The following report was received, read & accepted and the resolution thereto appended was adopted, viz:

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To the Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

We the Committee to whom was referred the petition of a number of Brethren in Pittsburg for a New Warrant respectfully report, that we found the applicants worthy of having their petition granted.

Therefore on the 15[th] day of March last the R. W. G. Master Issued his dispensation for the Opening and Organization of S[t]. Johns Lodge, No. 219, at Pittsburg.

And on the 12[th] day of April, 1846, the Grand Secretary received returns shewing that on the 8[th] of April the New Lodge was opened and constituted and the Officers Installed agreeably to ancient usage and form.

Your Committee offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the proceedings be approved and the Committee discharged.

Signed by the G. Officers as Committee.

June 1[st]. 1846.

A Copy of the By Laws of Lodge No. 219, at Pittsburg, was received and referred to the Committee on By Laws.

The following Report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was received and ordered to be filed, "viz:"

To the R. W. G. Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

The Committee of correspondence having carefully examined all the documents placed before them by the R. W. G. Secretary of the Grand Lodge would respectfully report that they have not found any thing requiring the action of the Grand Lodge at the present time.

Signed. D. C. Skerritt.
Jn[o]. W. M[c]Grath,
Committee.

June 1[st] 1846.

The following Report was received and read, "viz:"

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penns[a].

The undersigned a Committee appointed by the R. W. G. Master to enquire into the Elections of Lodges N[o]. 21 & 144 respectfully Report, that they have attended to that duty and submit the following.

After a careful examination and correspondence in regard to Election of Lodge N[o]. 144 the Committee are fully of opinion

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that their case comes within the Rule laid down in the A. Rezon, page 156, as they report they could not persuade any of the Wardens to serve if Elected, they very naturally took the next oldest in the Lodge who upon his word as a Mason was a R. A. Mason, & as before stated none of their Wardens would run as Master of the Lodge is clearly an extraordinary case.

In regard to the Election of Lodge No. 21, at Harrisburg, the Committee were not so unanimous to report on this to be accepted until a Brother Stated he was present in Lodge No. 21, at Harrisburg, when the letter of our chairman was read. When Bro. Buehler who makes the complaint rose and said he was perfectly satisfied, the Committee respectfully ask for the reading of the Letters received by the Committee from the W. M. of Lodge N°. 144, also from the D. D. G. at Harrisburg and of Bro. Buehler of N°. 21 before the G. Lodge and if their opinion is correct would ask for the reception of the returns of Lodges No. 21 & 144, also of their Elections as coming under Extraordinary Cases, they would also move their discharge from the further consideration of the Subject.

Signed. G. D. Patton,
W. M. Martin, Committee.

June 1st, 1846.

The Communications referred to in the foregoing Report being read, it was Resolved, that the Report be accepted and the Committee discharged.

The following Report from the Trustees of the Girard Bequest was received and filed, viz:

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsa.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest submit the following report.

That by their last report the Cash in Bank to the Credit of the Trustees was, ... $2001.21

That there has been received since that time the sum of, ... $1558.33

From the following sources, viz:

1845, July	2,	Dividend on 164 shares 6 per ct. Masonic Loan, ...	$ 492.00
"	"	" Dividend on 60 shares 5 per ct. do., . .	$ 150.00

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1845, July	2,	Int. on 3964.16 Masonic Debt a 6 per ct.,	$ 118.92	
" Sept.	8,	Semiannual Interest on $776.32 say, 19.41 Less State Tax $0.97 Disct. on relief notes $0.19 1.16	$ 18.25	
5846, Jan^{y}.	16,	Ditto Ditto as above,	$779.16	$1558.33
and Feb^{y}.	27,	Making in all,	Dollars,	$3559.54

Of this amount there have been paid the following Sums, to wit:

5845, July	8,	Order of the G. M. in fav. of the G. Treasurer for use of Committee No. 3 for term ending 1st Monday in Octo^{r}. 1845, . .	$250.00	
" Octo^{r}.	20,	Order of the G. Master in fav. of the G. Treas^{r}. for use of Com^{e}. N^{o}. 4 term ending Jan^{y}. 1846,	$455.84	
" "	"	Order of G. M. to G. Treas^{r}. . . .	$ 2.50	
5846, Jan^{y}.	5,	Cash paid for 6 Shares Masonic Loan of 1820, Nos. 154, 155, 156, 157, 158 & 159,	$600.	
			$1308.34	
5846, Jan^{y}.	14,	Order of G. M. to G. Treas., . . .	$ 541.66	
" April		do. do.,	$ 250.00	
5845, May	23,	Cash p^{d}. for 9 shares Masonic debt of Dec^{r}. 1, 1820, 6 p. ct. N^{o}. 51, 52, 53, 54, 66, 67, 68, 69 & 70, .	922.50	$3022.50
			Dollars	$ 537.04

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Leaving a Balance of say Five Hundred and thirty seven dollars $\frac{4}{100}$ in Bank to the Credit of Trustees.

The fund now consists of the following securities, to wit:

102	Shares	Farmers & M. B. Stock.	
3	"	Kensington Bank	"
170	"	6 per cent Masonic Loan.	
60	"	5 " " do.	
Certificate of		$3964.16	Masonic Debt.
Do.		776.32	5 p. ct. Loan of Penn.
Do.		19.41	6 " " " "

Cash in Bank to the Credit of Trustees Five Hundred and thirty seven $\frac{4}{100}$ Dollars.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. Alex$^{r.}$ Diamond, Bayse Newcomb,
Sam$^{l.}$ Badger, Sam$^{l.}$ H. Perkins,
E. S. Gandy, Trustees.

A Special return was received from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 3 and ordered to be filed, announcing the Election to membership of Ja$^{s.}$ B. Wood, a Past Master by Election in the Late Lodge No. 64, at Greensburg, Penns$^{a.}$

General returns were received and ordered to be filed from Lodge No. 143, at Chambersburg, Penns$^{a.}$ No Suspensions, Expulsions or Rejections.

Communication from the Grand Lodge of New York was received Announcing the Death of the Most Worshipful Alexander H. Robertson, Grand Master on the 12 of February, which on Motion was ordered to be filed.

Communications from the Grand Lodges of Missouri and Louisiana were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The following Resolution was offered By Brother Robinson R. Moore and unanimously adopted, "viz:"

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars of the Interest Monies now in the hands of the Trustees of the Girard Bequest be and is hereby appropriated for distribution during the coming Year, commencing the 1st of July next and that the same be drawn by the R. W. G. Master & placed at the disposal of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund in accordance with the regulations adopted by the Grand Lodge.

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The following Resolution was presented by Bro. W. M. Martin and Adopted, "viz:"

Resolved, That the trustees of the Girard Bequest be and are hereby authorized to sell all Stocks held by the said Trustees for the use of the said Bequest and invest the proceeds of sale in Masonic Loan or other security of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The following Report from the Trustees of the Charity Fund was read and accepted, "viz:"

To the R^t. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, &c.

The Trustees of the Charity Fund respectfully report that the whole of the property belonging to the Trust and from which the income is derived at the present time consists of as follows:

23 Certificates of Masonic Loans or Debt amt^s. in the aggregate to the pricipal Sum of, . .	$3691.24
1 Certificate of 11 Shares of the Stock of Southern Loan Co., Valued at $7, ...	$ 77.00
1 Ground Rent arising out of the property at Chester the principal of which is about, .	$ 355.00
Making the aggregate capital in the hands of the Trustees, ...	$4123.24
The whole amount of Income arising from the fund is annually, ...	$249.33

Which is produced as follows:

1^st. Interest at 6 per cent on $3431.24 Masonic Loans and Debts.	
2^nd. Dividends received on 11 Shares Southern Loan Company annually, ...	$ 6.60
Ground Rent on property in Chester, . .	21.25

The following has been received since the last report say Sept., 1845, when there was a Bal. of $134.48 in the Treasurers hands.

1845, Dec^r. 17.	Cash received of J. Jones the former Treasurer on account,	$50.00
1846, Jan^y. 2.	Cash received, Int. on 18 Shares Masonic Loans, &c., . . .	$54.00
" " "	Int. on 4 Certificates of Gas Loans, ...	$53.74
	Making in all, . .	$292.74

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Out of which there has been disbursed as follows, viz:

1845, Nov$^{r.}$	4.	Appropriation by Grand Lodge for distribution, ...	$100.00
		The vouchers for which were presented by the Treasurer and filed.	
1846, Jan$^{y.}$	6.	1 Certificate Masonic Loan purchased, ...	$100.00
" March	2.	Appropriation by the G. Lodge for distribution, . . .	" 50.00
		Making in all, . . .	$250.00
Leaving a Balance in the Treas$^{s.}$ hands unappropriated, ...			$ 42.22

Of the above $50 the Treas$^{r.}$ shews Vouchers for the distribution of $20 & there yet remains $30 for distribution.

The Trustees by the authority of the Grand Lodge have conveyed the property in Chester to a Mr. W$^{m.}$ Irvine on a Ground Rent of $21.25 a Year the Deed for which is being prepared and will be executed and delivered as soon as the purchaser shall be ready to receive it. The Trustees expect to conclude the conveyance in the course of the present week.

The trustees also report that (as is already known to the Grand Lodge) there is a deficit in the accounts of Bro. John Jones formerly Treasurer of the Trustees which amount$^{d.}$ on Dec$^{r.}$ 27, 1842, to $248.67 since which time there has been received from said John Jones on account the sum of $50 which leaves a balance of $198.67 still due.

The Trustees also desire to bring to the notice of the Grand Lodge the fact that there are properties consisting of Valuable Real Estate in Germantown and Bristol respectively formerly occupied by the Lodge which worked in those places, the condition and situation of the titles to these properties it occurs to the Trustees expedient that the Grand Lodge should cause to be investigated. Signed. Ge$^{o.}$ Griscom,

Phil., June 2, 1846. Chairman.

The R. W. G. Master stated that on the 5th day of March last he called a Lodge together for the purpose of conferring the degrees of Masonry upon the Rev$^{d.}$ Jo$^{s.}$ H. Wythe who had been highly recommended to him by a number of the Brethren.

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There were present Bro^{s}. James Page, W^{m}. Whitney, John Thomson, W^{m}. H. Adams, Grand Officers.

Bro^{s}. Aaron Samuels, Sam^{l}. Taylor, W^{m}. M. Martin, Alex^{r}. M^{c}Cammon and James Simpson, Members of the Grand Lodge.

Bro^{s} Chandler, Leach, Chase, Sharp, the Rev^{s} Tilbits & Flanary, Visitors.

The Lodge opened in Ancient form at ¼ to 4 O'c., P. M. when the Rev^{d}. Jo^{s}. H. Wythe being in waiting was introduced and had the degrees separately and properly conferred upon him in Ancient form by Brother William Whitney.

When the Lodge closed in Harmony at 6 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to deliver the following address which was on Motion of Bro. Richard Vaux ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, "viz:"

Brethren,

It was my intention at the last Grand Quarterly Communication to address you on subjects connected with the action of your Grand Master touching the interests of the Grand Lodge but circumstances prevented my doing so. In compliance with a promise then made, I now proceed to call your attention to matters which have transpired since I had the honour to preside over your Institution and which are destined to have a bearing upon the future prospects of the Grand Lodge.

Among the first acts of my administration, were the appointments which became necessary according to the regulations of the Ahiman Rezon. In making my selections I endeavoured so to act as to secure for the Order the Services of those who were skilled in the Craft, and who had manifested a devotion to the interests of Masonry, by a strict and faithful performance of the duties which had been assigned to them by my predecessors.

In some of the Masonic Districts I found that Situations had been held for Years without any return having been made to the Grand Lodge, and it was not to be disguised that the incumbents had grown indifferent, and did not look upon the trust as requiring further attention. The Commissions of the deputies having according to Masonic usage expired with the retirement of the Officers issuing them, I determined not to reappoint any one of them unless assured that he had extended and would give proper attention to his charge. I accordingly

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directed the Grand Secretary to address each to that effect and where returns were omitted to be made promptly. I declined continuing the district. The number therefore of these Districts was reduced from Eleven to Eight and the Counties heretofore possessing a Deputy were added to the next most convenient District, and notice was given to the Officer to whose District they were attached of the change and the increase of the Jurisdiction.

The utility of so many Districts is to me extremely doubtful. Practically no good has resulted to the Order or the Grand Lodge from their existance. According to my view of the subject our jurisdiction should not at most have more than four Districts with a Deputy located centrally as to each. For all useful purposes these would be enough. It seems little short of absurdity to have a Deputy for a County, when perhaps not more than a single Lodge, at most two, are to be found within its limits and if this precedent is once set we shall have as many Deputies as there are Counties in the State, perhaps a deputy for each Lodge, besides the idea of Districts contemplates a number of Lodges and it would be altogether incompatible with the usages of the Order to have a Deputy controlling each worshipful Master, neither the principles of the Craft nor the dignity of the Grand Lodge (to say nothing of other considerations) requires this and I have determined to put a stop to the increase of these unnecessary appointments, and whenever the opportunity offers shall reduce the number to something like a proper & reasonable limit. It might be prudent to assume as a rule that a District should never be composed of a less number of Lodges than is required for the opening of the Grand Lodge.

I had shortly after the commencement of the Masonic Year applications from various Counties for these appointments. Washington & Allegheny applied separately and an appointment was asked for Adams, Cumberland, Franklin and Bedford Counties as a district & Lycoming & Clinton, but for the reasons assigned I declined making them attaching the Lodges in these Counties to existing Districts, this course seems not to be acceptable to the Brethren in Pittsburg and they applied to me in language not of the most courteous or Masonic kind, to recind what I had done, and give them a

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Deputy for that County alone. After a careful review of my decision and satisfied that the precedent they asked would lead to innovations of a pernicious tendency I positively but respectfully declined to do so. To concede this point as to one County, is to concede it as to the whole. In the absence of all evidence of the good which is to spring from this Multiplication of Officers merely nominal, I am not disposed to encounter the evil which is likely to spring from the example.

In Pittsburg (until very recently) but a single Lodge has existed for Years past, within the last few months a second has been established. If a District Dep^{y}· G. Master be necessary there, then as Washington County has a Lodge such an appointment being asked for must be made as to it. Instead therefore of making two new deputies I attached these counties to the District composed of Fayette & Greene under the Care of Bro. Gummert in each of which Counties there is a Lodge, and the residence of Bro. Gummert is nearly central as to the District, so that he has but Five Lodges to attend to and these it strikes me on the principle stated are few enough to constitute a District.

For all purposes in which the action of a Deputy is required he is convenient enough and there should be no delay of which the fraternity could have reason to complain. The duty of Lecturing and working is seldom if ever attempted by any of these officers and perhaps it would be unreasonable to expect them to make a circuit for that purpose at their own Cost and the interruption of their business. They are therefore not of much use except as to granting dispensations. These they can extend but in two instances in entering, passing & Raising & Passing to the chair as to the former the exercise of their power should be seldom invoked, as it is contrary to the rules and interest of the Order to admit hastily and before usual probation. In the latter case direct application to the Grand Lodge would answer every purpose and be attended with little or no delay. The necessity therefore for such Officers as before remarked is not now apparent & practically it has been found that the appointment of so many has been productive of Little benefit to the Grand Lodge, certainly not enough to induce me to add to the number.

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If all the duties required at the hands of Deputies were performed doubtless much good would result to the Craft at large from the appointment of a proper number of them. They should visit the Lodges in their respective districts, enquire into their condition and proceedings and give them Masonic advice and Instruction annually reporting the state of the Lodges and what each shall have done in his particular district, each Deputy has also the power to congregate the Members and Officers of the Lodges under his charge as often as he sees proper & should account for and pay over to the Grand Treasurers all Monies received by him quarterly. While these things are required and the appointments are made in expectation that they will be done, they are (with some honorable exceptions) entirely overlooked and that which was intended to be a real trust now exists as a purely nominal one. The character and dignity of these appointments too would be greatly lessened by their increase. To possess any value in the eyes of our brethren and be made a source of honor to the craft they should be rendered difficult of attachment and made the reward only of those who by their practical Masonry and conceded eminence in the Order have shewn themselves worthy of the high trust. It may and will be questioned how far continued appointments is advisable. The *honor* is one which should be attainable at certain periods, and if two Years be looked upon as a sufficient possession of the high trust of R. W. Grand Master, it would seem to be but reasonable that his Deputies should retire with him and make way for other deserving brethren.

In examining the records of the Grand Lodge the earliest trace of such an officer as District Deputy Grand Masters is found in the Month of October, 1827. It seems the Grand Lodge at that time by resolution requested the Grand Master to visit (either by himself or his officers) the different Lodges under his Jurisdiction with a view to inspection and connection, but if such duty by reason of distance was found to be impracticable on the part of the Grand Master, he was further requested to appoint a Brother with full powers to perform such duty, and make report of his proceeding to the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master at the same time was further requested to divide the Country Lodges into districts, to appoint suitable

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brethren to visit the different Lodges to (inspection and correction, but if such duty by reason of distance was found to be impracticable on the part of the Grand Master, he was further requested to appoint a brother with full power to perform such duty) inspect their labors and report annually their proceedings to the Grand Lodge. This was probably the Origin of these Appointments, and the resolution contemplates the division of Lodges into Districts not classing the Counties in that manner for the very obvious reason that in many of them there were no Lodges, but leaving the Matter as to the Number of Lodges to form a district entirely to the discretion of the Grand Master. This discretion has been exercised in various ways. There does not seem to have been any settled rule in regard to it each Grand Master acting according to his own view, so that we have the incongruity exhibited in some cases of a D. D. G. Master for a *single* County in which there is but a single Lodge, thus indirectly Suspending the Worshipful Master of the particular Lodge. This is certainly a state of things it is most desirable to correct, and I have taken the first step to that end, uncertainty here as in everything else connected with our operations should be. When once the point is settled as to the number of Lodges necessary to form a District there can be no further difficulty. This should be done by a resolution of the Grand Lodge. There will then remain to the Grand Master the appointment of the necessary number of deputies and these should be (as I have before said) changed whenever a change takes place in the Appointing power, so as to bring the same principle into operation as to them which prevails in regard not only to the heads of the Subordinate Lodges but the Great Head of the Craft. These uniform and periodical changes are believed to be of use to the Order, posts of distinction and of Honor, being thus made attainable, and not looked upon as tenures of a fixed and lasting nature. This hope of their possession stimulating to exertion and they are properly regarded as the fitting reward of those who distinguish themselves by their Zeal in the Cause of Masonry, and who stand pre-eminent among their brethren for teaching and example.

In regard to the matter of dispensations I have laid down a rule from which I shall not be inclined to deviate unless very extraordinary cases are presented for the exercise of my power

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in this respect the admission to the right and benefits of the order should be uniformly the same. No distinction should be made in favour of any class of our fellow citizens. All should be called upon to undergo the same probation, to travel the same road and whenever a departure is tolerated it is but the precedent for fresh applications and one more stone removed from that edifice the foundation and superstructure of which we are called upon to preserve entire. The power of the chair is great. It should therefore be exercised cautiously, wisely, permitting none of those guards which our predecessors have deemed it prudent to throw around the institution for its government and preservation to be overlooked or set aside while all without is change, our principles and land Marks are to continue the same. It is this which distinguishes the order from the rest of human institutions. Its antiquity is its pride, uniformity its character, adherance to land Marks its strength and prosperity. To confine the subordinate lodges to a strict and careful observance of their constitutional regulations would seem therefore to be an imperative duty. All applications which seek to avoid their requirements, tend to diminish their force, and if too frequently granted, will make that weak and inefficient, which would otherwise prove to be strong and beneficial. The organic laws of each and all should be rigidly adhered too for as these are all based upon the elements of the Order and have received the formal Sanction of the Mother Lodge, nothing short of emergencies of the most pressing character should be received by the Grand Master as a reason for Suspending their usual action, only when such emergencies become manifest and press themselves upon me with considerable force, will I be inclined to exercise the dispensing power. It has been conceded only for extraordinary occasions and to these and none others should it be extended. No applications therefore need be looked upon as likely to prevail unless they are accompanied by peculiar features, such as are strong enough to bend a general and long established Masonic principle to a particular case and these cannot often occur. I have thus far granted few dispensations and refused several. My design is to let Masonic usage alone, to permit the wholesome regulations of the Craft to prevail, and on no account if pos-

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sible to interrupt their course, but rather see that what they require is performed by each and all.

The practice into which some of the Subordinate Lodges have fallen of continuing their labours to an unseasonable hour of the night, requires a passing notice. This is not only in violation of an ancient custom and their own By Laws but it is unjust to the Grand Lodge. If there is more work than can be performed on one night there should be an adj$^{d.}$ meeting for the purpose of finishing their labours. This right in itself, is due to the Candidates, for they should be fully informed as they progress & the degrees not given in a hasty or imperfect manner. The Grand Lodge by these delayed meetings is taxed to a considerable extent in the consumption of Gas, which causes this matter of expense to fall unequally upon the subordinate Lodges, some paying more in proportion for its use than others. This should not be, and may if the practice be not reformed lead to greater abuses and induce serious complaints.

A proper sense of justice will teach the brethren the necessity of being careful observers of those rules which are intended to preserve an equality among the Lodges in this particular and no dispensation will be allowed which may tend to relieve any Lodge from the burthen it should rightly bear.

The Rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge now in force were adopted so far back as April, 1825, a period of more than Twenty Years. They have been liable to modifications and changes ever since, for a simple resolution proposed & adopted at any Grand Quarterly Communication is enough for this purpose, and no doubt many of them since they were published have been qualified & altered but to what extent it is impossible to say, without a careful examination of the Minutes during the interim, embracing an immense amount of matter and requiring a great deal of time in the operation. It is to be regretted for the sake of accuracy and consistency, that these changes in our law have not been carefully noted and kept up, so as to form a safe book of reference for questions are constantly occurring that it is difficult to answer for want of such information. Whether any step is necessary on the part of the Grand Lodge to cause this defect in the mode of transacting our business to be remedied is for the brethren to deter-

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mine. I merely call the matter to their attention as worthy of consideration, perhaps of action.

The Grand Treasurer finding that he had a considerable balance in his hands, which the demands upon the Treasury did not require him to retain, consulted me in regard to the propriety of his investing the Sum of One Thousand dollars in Masonic Loan to be added to the Sinking Fund. I at once yielded to his suggestion and directed him to make the purchase, which he did, it meeting with my entire Sanction and the approval of the Chairman of the Committee on the Sinking Fund. In so acting I consulted not only the Interest of the Grand Lodge which has been advanced by this step, but performed a duty & contributed to the strength of the Sinking Fund set apart and pledged for the payment of our debt and which all our surplus revenue should be promptly assigned.

The financial condition of the Grand Lodge is a matter of deep importance to the Craft, possessed of an absorbing interest and can never be adverted to without claiming your individual attention. To correctly understand the present as compared with our past condition in this particular it will be necessary to refer to the receipts and expenditures for a series of Years this mode would not be one of accuracy if we did not give each year its proper position, not charging upon one the expense which legitimately belong to another but leaving each to answer for itself so that the present may not be taxed for the future, nor the future be made to answer for the present.

An examination of the Books of the Grand Lodge going back to 1842 and including that Year our then Annual receipts were, ... $14,001.21
Expenses, ... $12,885.69

Excess for that Year, ...				$ 1,115.52
				455.35
Receipts for 1843,	$8456.02	Expenses,	$8000.67	
do. " 1844,	"9608.44	do.	10147.31	
		Deficiency,	$ 538.87	
do. " 1845,	$9169.03	Expenses,	$8603.84	565.19
				$2136.06
deduct deficiency 1844, ...				" 538.87
Excess of receipts over expenses for Four Years, .				1597.19

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The very heavy income for 1842 was cause by the nett proceeds received from the Trustees of the real Estate for the Chestnut Street property taken back from the Franklin Institute.

For the purpose of getting at a fair average I recapitulate the receipts for the last Three Years as follows:

From Certificates & disp$^{ns.}$ . . .	$603.62	
" 3^{d} St$^{t.}$ Hall, ...	1025.50	
" Lodges & Chapters, . . .	9276.72	
Total, ...	$10905.84	
One third of this would be, ...		$3635.28
Add to this the nett income of the Chestnut St. Hall under the present Lease, ...		$4250.00
And it will give you an income for the current Year,		$7885.28

It is believed however from the increase of business in the Subordinate Lodges, as they are generally in a flourishing state, that a larger amount annually than is here assumed will be realized hereafter.

For the same three Years the Gross payments as shewn by the Books amounted to $26751.82. In this Sum however are included all the expenses for the Chestnut St. Hall for the same period of time for which the Grand Lodge is now exempt. These of course must be deducted to get the fair average of expenses for the same three Years. They amounted to, ... $6314.66
excluding those of the Chestnut St. Hall, $20,437.16

One third of this would be, ...	$6812.38
By the previous statement the receipts for the current Year may be safely assumed at, . . .	$7885.28
While the annual expenses of the G. L. upon the average so ascertained will be about, . . .	$6812.38
Shewing a gain as compared with the three preceeding Years of, ...	$1072.90

It would seem therefore from the manner of treating the subject which is believed to be a correct one that the condition of the Grand Lodge is a sound and imposing one, having changed considerably for the better in a few months and that nothing more is required than an undisturbed state of that con-

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dition for a period of some Four or Five Years more to place her in a perfectly independant attitude. By that time the Real Estate in Chestnut Street will become ripe for a Market and a sum realized for it that will enable her to extinguish her debt and so be relieved at once and forever from all anxiety on that score.

This debt naturally excites an interest in the fraternity & it is not doubted that its final payment is an object which lies near to the heart of every brother. Contracted many years since for purely Masonic purposes, the interest has always been promptly paid thus preserving the character of the loan as a safe investment and sustaining the credit of the Institution far and wide, we have not failed therefore to keep the promises as we hope soon to redeem the pledges of our predecessors. It will indeed be a proud day for the order when we can point to and meet in an unincumbered temple and that day brethren I trust is not far distant we should all struggle for this most desirable object the subordinate Lodges doing their utmost to aid the Parent Lodge in this Consummation, for it is a Common interest. In her exoneration from debt will cause their release from taxation except to a very limited amount, all will feel the benefit when the weight which is now pressing upon us comes to be removed and our labours, then free and unobstructed, may be wholly directed to the great ends of the fraternity in diffusing more widely and beneficially the blessings of Love and Charity.

The liabilities of the Grand Lodge May be set down as follows:

4th Masonic Loan at 6 p. ct., ...	$20,000.00
do. debt " 6 p. ct., ...	$14,500.00
do. Loan at 5% now 6 p. ct., . .	"19,000.00
do. do. " 6 p. ct., ...	500.00
Certificate of Debt at 5 p. ct., ...	6,000.00
Do. Do. 6 " ct., ...	3,964.16
Do. Do. including a Note to V. Pepin for 100 and Int. 38.14, ...	2,271.16
Mortgages 3d St. Hall, ...	12,166.66
Total Debt, ...	78,401.98

To aid in the discharge of this heavy incumbrance a Sinking Fund was established some Years since. It is now made up

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of 64 Shares of Masonic Loan and a small balance. To this fund prior to the last purchase by the Grand Treas$^{r.}$ The Grand Lodge owed interest up to the first of June, 1846 of 3031.70 for nothing has been paid on this account since 1833 except $260 appropriated for the purchase of Three Shares Masonic Loan from Lodge No. 9 in 1842. If this Interest was paid then the sinking Fund would amount to $9432.45 instead of $6400.75 the value of the 64 Shares of Masonic loan above referred to. The Grand Lodge thus either way gets the benefit of it as she owes the interest to herself that is her actual debt is about $72,000 deducting the $6400 from $78401.98 the Interest not paid up, with it discharged the actual debt would be reduced to about $69,000 from which is to be taken the recent purchase of $1,000 leaving the indebtedness of the Grand Lodge $68,000.

The property and resources of the Grand Lodge are to be found in her real Estate in Chestnut Street and in the Hall her Annual Income and Special Funds.

The estimated value of the Real Estate has been assumed as follows:

Chestnut St. Hall, ...	$110,000	
Third S$^{t.}$ Hall, ...	30,000	
Total, ...		$140,000
Deduct Liabilities, ...		68,000
Apparent excess looking to Real Estate alone, . .		$ 72,000

The Grand Lodge has also specially appropriated and sacredly pledged The Girard Bequest equal to $30,000 and her own Charity Fund amounting to 4000 more.

The balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer on the 27th Dec$^{r.}$ last, was $1966.02 from which the $1000 were taken in aid of the Sinking Fund. I therefore repeat that we have nothing to do but to permit things to move on as they are now moving, and we have every reason to expect in a few short Years by the Sale of the Chestnut S$^{t.}$ Property we shall be entirely free from debt and have a handsome surplus to set apart for the good of the order. There is but one occurrence that could mar this expectation and that is the failure of the present lessee of the Chestnut Street property to comply with the terms of his lease. It is to be hoped that his experiment will answer and he be enabled to continue in Possession. The

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exhibitions now given there are much improved in character and should he succeed the order will have great reason to congratulate itself upon the change which has been affected both in a Moral & pecuniary point of view. In the great object of the Extinguishment of our debt the Subordinate Lodges will as they always have done cordially Co-operate with the Mother Lodge promptly and faithfully discharging their dues and throwing into her possession the revenue which she is properly entitled to receive from them, they will minister to her prosperity and in so doing promote their own. That which absolves her relieves them, a new impulse will be then given and the doors of our philanthrophy and benevolence be so widely spread that the afflicted & distressed of our brethren will find their entrance unobstructed and relief certain & sufficient. Hearts that beat with true impulses of Masonic Love will unite in this worthy object and strougle on till our efforts be crowned with success and the Temple of our charity be placed upon a fair and lasting foundation.

Since the last Grand Quarterly communication the condition of some of the Lodges in the interior appeared to require particular investigation, under the instructions of the Grand Master the Grand Sec^{y}· was directed to visit those at Mauch Chunck & Easton. In the performance of this Trust he left the City in the Month of April last and was absent some days. The duty assigned him was faithfully carried out and from the report made to me I gather the following particulars as to the Lodge at Mauch Chunck he having been present at its stated Meeting on the Evening of Saturday the 11th of April last.

The Members living at a distance were punctual in their attendance while those near seemed to be rather dilatory and lacking proper Masonic Zeal. Several Brethren formerly Members residing in the Town were very anxious that the Warrant should be taken away from the Lodge, but from the Zeal shewn by the present Worshipful Master and six or seven of the Brethren the Grand Secretary desired them to persevere and endeavour to bring the delinquent members up to their work or suspend them.

Two of the former officers hold the funds of the Lodge (not a very large amount however) which they are either unable or unwilling to pay over to their Successors.

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The Grand Secretary Installed the Jr. Warden and exemplified the Work as practised in the City Lodges. He was induced from the peculiar situation of the Lodge and the apparent want of good feeling among the brethren to read one of P. G. Master Chandlers address which treats of how pleasant a thing it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity, which was very kindly received by those who were present. The Grand Secretary expresses the hope that the seed thus sown may spring up and bear fruit an hundred fold, but he is sorry to add that from an examination of the Minutes it does appear that great want of Masonic Zeal and attention has been manifested by many of the members and unless the Lodge is firm with the delinquent Members he is of the opinion she will be obliged to Surrender her charter.

The Lodge at Easton could not be got together as they meet in the room occupied by the Odd Fellows and on the night of his arrival the room was engaged. A number of the Brethren however conversed with him about the affairs of the Lodge and exhibited the Books. Here there is also an apparent want of proper Masonic Zeal. The representation made by the present Worshipful Master to the Grand Officers was found to be correct by their records.

The Lodge is without funds, all young members and under present circumstances unable to pay their back dues. They say that if their back dues be not remitted they will have to surrender their Charter. This measure had better be adopted.

On his way up the Grand Secretary stopped at Pottsville and learned from the brethren that the Lodge in that place is in a thriving & Healthy Condition & that the Lodges in Reading & Orwigsburg are flourishing quite equal to the brightest days of the Order in this State.

Among other matters enjoined upon the Grand Secretary was enquiry into the present condition of the Lodges in Bristol & Germantown rendered necessary by a Resolution passed at your last Quarterly Grand Communication. The former was instituted by warrant dated July 9, 1789, altho it had been in existance under a previous Warrant dated 15 March, 1780, Surrendered for the purpose of obtaining a New One under the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$ as then instituted and reorganized. This Lodge continued in existance for many years, when it

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declined and the Meetings were discontinued but the Warrant was not surrendered. In 1812 an application was made to the Grand Lodge and permission granted for the Brethren to reopen the Lodge, as appears from an endorsement on the back of the Warrant.

The books of the Grand Lodge shew that the account of No. 25 was definitely settled on the 27th December, 1831, leaving a balance due the Grand Lodge on that day of $125.20 which was carried to account of profit and loss. For many years past no returns have been made by this Lodge and she may now be considered defunct. During the time she was in existance however a certain lot of Ground situate in Cedar Street in Bristol, containing 85 ft. 9 in a front by 135 feet deep was purchased by contributions among the Members and intended solely for the use of the fraternity. The conveyance of this lot was originally made to Henry Desborough who on the 14th of February, A. D. 1818, conveyed it to Isaac Pitcher, Louis Bache, Dr. John Phillips, John J. Benezett and Wm. F. Swift and the survivors and survivor of them in trust (as it is known & admitted) for the benefit of Lodge No. 25 and Masonic purposes, but not so expressed on the face of the Deed, altho it is believed that a declaration as to the purposes for which the lot was conveyed to them was made by the said brethren, and is to be found on record at Doylestown. Subsequently to the purchase a Hall or building two Stories high was erected by the brethren duly dedicated to the services of the order, and occupied in that way untill circumstances again pressed the Lodge to relinquish its labours since which time, a period of about 22 Years nothing has been done. Dr. John Phillips is believed to be the only surviving trustee and he has had the control of the lot & Building since the declension of the Lodge.

There are no claims upon the property, it is occupied by the Odd fellows at a small rent and is said to be in good order and repair. Six only of the Members of Lodge No. 25 are now living. It would seem to me therefore that the property in question properly belongs to the Grand Lodge and that she should take such measures as would put her in complete possession and control of the same nor is it doubted that if proper application be made to the Surviving Trustee he would interpose any objection. I suggest therefore the appointment of an

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appropriate Committee to take this matter in charge with full power to act as they shall deem most adviseable for the interest of the Grand Lodge. The Situation of another piece of property (in Germantown) which it is believed rightfully belongs to the Grand Lodge is of a more singular character than that to which I have just called your attention. The visit of the Grand Secretary to that place enabled him to furnish information as to the past & present position of Lodge N°. 81; Formerly in a flourishing condition it is now prostrate. While in existance a lot of Ground Situate about 100 Yards above the first gate was given to it in trust by a Brother. This is 85 ft. front and 200 ft. deep; its value supposed to be about $1200. The Lot is now in possession of Bro. Jacob Roop, the last Worshipful Master, he has also the Warrant and other property of the Lodge. Some of the brethren there are anxious to revive the number and promised to make an effort to do so before the meeting of the Grand Lodge but nothing has been heard from them since.

From the terms of the deed it would seem that the Lodge must be revived or a new one constituted before any transfer can be made of the property.

From the Lodge no returns have been received since 1841. There was a balance then due the Grand Lodge of $22 and only 11 Members returned, no initiations since 1838. This case like that of Bristol requires attention and should be investigated and arranged through the medium of the same or a similar committee.

The pleasing duty of presenting to Past G. Master, William Barger, the sentiments & feelings of the Grand Lodge on his retirement from this chair evinced by resolutions unanimously adopted on S$^{t.}$ Johns day last, has been performed and our highly respected & esteemed Bro. is now in possession of this justly merited and handsome tribute of your respect and gratitude. The Zeal he has ever shown for the Craft, his devotion to the principles of the order and the beauty and accuracy of his practical Masonry have won for him a place in our hearts, and he has now passed to take his station among those lights which continue to shine upon and do honour to our Institution, and to whose experience we may safely turn in all cases of

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doubt & uncertainty to be set right and kept straight in the path of true Masonic action.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved, that the property in Bristol as well as at Germantown be referred to the Trustees of the Charity Fund with power to employ counsel if requisite.

Bro. Jo^{s}. S. Riley called up his Resolution (directing the Grand Sec^{y}., &c.,) which was agreed to after being amended by Bro. William M. Martin as follows, viz:

Resolved, That Bro. Jo^{s}. S. Rileys Resolution be amended by Substituting the words each and every year from 1838 & 1846 Inclusive.

The following was offered by Bro. Jn^{o}. W. M^{c}Grath & adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania recognize the propriety and establish as a principle for her future government the necessity of having at least Five Subordinate Lodges to constitute a district and be entitled to the privilege of a deputy Grand Master.

The following report was received, read and ordered to be filed.

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Penns^{a}.

The Hall Committee Report that they have met as usual at the hall for the quarter ending the last of this Month and attended to the duties assigned them. The appartments (with the exception of one) continue occupied as they were at last report.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Signed. Cha^{s}. M^{c}Karaher,
Jn^{o}. C. Smith,
Phil., May 31, 1846. Robert Patton, Committee.

On Motion of Bro. Jo^{s}. S. Riley the Communication from Pittsburg in relation to the Appointment of D. D. G. M. was called up for consideration when Bro. Jo^{s}. S. Riley offered the following Resolution, "viz:"

Resolved, That the Communication from Pittsburg be referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Bro. Richard Vaux moved an amendment but withdrew it when the following amendment was made by Bro. George Griscom and adopted, viz:

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Resolved, that this Grand Lodge entirely approve of the course of the Grand Master in his action in regard to the Communication from our Brethren of Pittsburg.

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge feel profound regret at the disrespectful, uncurteous and unmasonic language of Said Communication and that therefore they be laid on the Table.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be instructed to transmit to our Brethren of Lodge N°. 45 copies of these Resolutions.

On Motion of Bro. Jo^{s}. S. Riley the further consideration of the subject was postponed until our next quarterly Communication, when

The Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at ¼ to 11 O'c, P. M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

PHIL., Monday, Sept. 7, 5846.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	James Page,	R^{t}. W.	G. Master.
"	Peter Fritz,	" "	D. G. Master.
"	W^{m}. Whitney,	" "	S^{r}. G. Warden.
"	A. Bournonville,	" "	J^{r}. G. Warden.
"	John Thomson,	" "	G. Treasurer.
"	W^{m}. H. Adams,	" "	G. Sec^{y}.
"	W^{m}. W. Smith,	" "	D. G. Sec^{y}.
"	Jn^{o}. L. Burrows,	Grand	Chaplain.
"	Robert M^{c}Culloch,	"	Pursuivant.
"	Jn^{o}. W. M^{c}Grath,	S^{r}. G.	Deacon.
"	C. C. Williams,	J^{r}. G.	Deacon.

Lodges Represented.

No.	2, Samuels.
"	3, Moore, M^{c}Culloch, Thomson, M^{c}Karaher, Dorriss.
"	9, Creasey, Lendrim, Kelly.
"	19, Haswell, Hodges, Griscom.
"	45, M^{c}Cammon.
"	51, Thomson, Whitney, Israel.

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No. 52, Ferguson, Patton.
" 59, Smith, Adams, Middleton, Scott, Barrington.
" 67, Hutchinson, Simpson, Smith, Wagner, Reiss.
" 71, Meyers, Phillips, L. Hyneman, Weikle, M. Hyneman.
" 72, Williams, Oliver, Thompson, West, Gregg, Peacock.
" 91, Henniss, Hart, Jones.
" 114, Kelly, Thomson, Bruner, M^{c}Intire.
" 115, Diamond, Archambault, Heimberger.
" 121, Vaux, Davis, Flanigan, Frazer.
" 125, Bournonville, Hahnlan, Schmidtt, Aichternacht.
" 130, Lescure, Heyward, Shultz, M^{c}Grath.
" 155, English, Fritz, Martin.
" 158, Ewing, Barnstead, Oliver, Lowe, Sinn, Moore.
" 186, Horner.
" 187, Coates, Wallis, Albright, Hickey.
" 190, Rossitter.
" 211, Cartwright, Page, Singleton, M^{c}Kinney.

Proxies, No. 22 Whitney, 45 Hyneman, 82, 108, 138 & 199 W$^{m.}$ H. Adams, 190 Ja$^{s.}$ Page, 218 Jn$^{o.}$ Thomson.

Thirty One Lodges represented, Grand Lodge Opened in Ample form at 7¼ o'c., P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held June 1st were read and on Motion Adopted.

A Petition was received and read from a number of Brethren residing in Hollidaysburg, Blair County, Penns$^{a.}$ praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in Hollidaysburg to be called Portage Lodge, and nominating for the first Officers thereof Michael Kelly, W. Master; Irving Horrell, Senior Warden; Benjamin E. Betts, Junior Warden.

When on motion it was Resolved, that the Petition be referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A Petition was received and read from a number of brethren residing in the City of Pittsburg, Allegheny County, Pa., praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge in Pittsburg to be called Franklin, and nominating for the first Officers thereof Bro. W$^{m.}$ W. Wilson, Worshipful Master; Bro. James W. Hailman, S$^{r.}$ Warden; Bro. Samuel Snowden, Junior Warden.

Which on motion was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

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A Petition was received and read from a number of Brethren belonging to the late Lodge N°. 134, asking for the reorganization of said Lodge and the use of the regalia also the remission of any dues which may stand against them.

Which petition was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A Petition was received & read from a number of Brethren Members of Lodge N°. 64, at Greensburg, Westmoreland Co^y., Pa., when she ceased labour, asking for a remission of all dues standing against them and for permission to reorganize the Lodge.

Which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A Petition was received & read from a number of Brethren formerly Members of Lodge N°. 182, held in Mercer, Mercer County, Penns^a., asking permission to reopen & reconstitute said Lodge.

Which was on motion referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N°. 199, Lock Haven, Clinton County, Pa., appointing Bro. William H. Adams, Proxy for said Lodge in the Grand Lodge.

When on motion duly made and seconded, Resolved,

That Bro. William H. Adams be recognized as the Proxy of Lodge N°. 199.

The following Communication was received, read and referred to the Grand Officers.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The petition of the subscriber respectfully represent, That George M. Wagner late of the Town of Halifax, in the County of Dauphin & State of Penns^a., having first made his last will and Testament shortly before the 18^th day of October, 1831, possessed of considerable real and personal Estate which after payment of his debts he devised to his wife for and during her natural life, and directed his executors to sell at any time any part of his real & personal estate that his Wife should wish to be sold reserving from Sale a House and Lot in Halifax as a place of Residence for his Wife during her natural life and giving her all the money arising from the Sale of the real estate sold.

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That in pursuance of the will all the real estate of the testator except the House and Lot of ground in Halifax reserved from sale has been sold and the proceeds expended in the support of the Widow, and the said House and lot remaining unsold is not worth & will not sell for more than from 300 to 350 dollars.

That by the said will the Testator directed that after his wifes death the said House and Lot any other property unsold should be sold by his surviving Executor and the Monies arising therefrom to be distributed as follows, viz:

"I give and bequeath Two Hundred Dollars to the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Penns^{a}· or to his Successor in office for the use and benefit of the said Lodge forever and also Thirty dollars to the Alms House of the County of Dauphin."

Which specific legacies with the expenses of sale and other legal proceedings necessary to a proper distribution of the residue of the Estate of the said Testator, to wit: the House and Lot aforesaid will consume the whole of the proceeds and leave no part of the Estate or the proceeds to go to the Heirs of the said George M. Wagner who have never received one cent from the Estate real or personal of which the said Ge^{o}· M. Wagner, died, seized & possessed.

That your petitioners are the children & Heirs at Law of John Wagner, deceased, and Grand children of the said Testator that your petitioners have nothing but what they labour for daily, that their mother Catherine Wagner is an aged woman having two unmarried daughters of Eighteen & fourteen Years of age and have nothing to support them Except from their and our labour, and as your Petitioners have all families they have to appropriate the whole of the proceeds of their labour to the support of their own families which prevents them from aiding their Mother and Sisters to any great extent.

They therefore pray that your Ancient, Honourable & Highly charitable Institution will pass a resolution or take such other legal measures as may be deemed necessary to assign and Transfer to the said Catharine Wagner for the use of her self and her two daughters Mary and Catharine Wagner

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the above bequest of two Hundred dollars as aforesaid bequested to the Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

And they will pray, &c.
Signed with the Mark of
Adam, George, Samuel and
Jacob Wagner.

Witnessed by
Henry Peiffer.
John A. Fisher.

A Communication from Lodge N[o]. 19 was received asking for an alteration in their By Laws which was referred to the Committee on By Laws.

A Copy of the By Laws of Lodge No. 121, was presented for the approval of the Grand Lodge.

Which was referred to the Committee on By Laws.

A Communication was received from Charity Lodge, N[o]. 190, at Norristown, asking the Grand Lodge to approve of the change of Stated Night of Meeting to the first Wednesday after the full Moon of each Month or if the Moon shall full on Wednesday to be held on that day.

Which was approved.

The following Communication was received and read.

When on motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved, that it be referred to a special Committee of five.

To William H. Adams.

Dr. Sir & Bro.,

Allow me through you to present to the Notice of the Grand Lodge a proposition to improve the front of our Hall on Chestnut Street by which it will be much beautified and afford a fine revenue to the Grand Lodge without any expense on their part.

I propose to build Four Stores on the front, Two next the East line and two next the West line leaving a large and spacious entrance to the Main door way of about 30 feet according to a plan which accompanies this. The stores will be 18 feet front by 36 ft. deep leaving 12 feet between the rear of Stores and front of Building or Hall. There will be two windows and a door to each front, one door and window in the Back, a good Cellar beneath them for packages, &c., the walls to be of Brick 9 in. thick, the roof of Metal, the fronts finished

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in the Gothic Style with Plate Glass in the windows and doors, the whole outside appearance to correspond in finish to the front of the Hall as reference to the drawing will shew. I will agree to erect the 4 Stores and pay myself out of the rents and deliver them at the end of three Years from completion to the Grand Lodge free of all incumbrances. They will be an ornament to the Hall and add much to its appearance while they will yield a fine revenue to the Grand Lodge without any outlay on their part. If you will lay this before the G. Lodge you will oblige

Yours frater., &c.,
William S. Shultz,
W. M., No. 130.

The Right Worshipful G. Master was pleased to appoint on the above Bro^{a} C. Stevenson, P.G.M., James Hutchinson, Michael Bouvier, Jacob Steiner & George Smith, Committee.

A Communication was received from the following named brethren Members of Lodge N^{o} 9 complaining of the Conduct of Bro. William Creasey, Worshipful Master of said Lodge.

John H. Laycock.	John Lanton.	John Pearson.
Henry Ward.	W^{m} Partington.	Ja^{s} Rowe.
William Leach.	John Barker.	Ja^{s} C. Ogden.
Jo^{s} Beswick.	Ja^{s} Barton.	W^{m} Lord.
Ja^{s} Campbell.	Ja^{s} Hall.	Ja^{s} M^{c}Mullin.
Elias Dickins.	W^{m} Crow.	Ja^{s} Wilde.
	Simeon Lord.	

On Motion made and Seconded, the Said Complaint was referred to a Committee of Three to enquire into the facts and report. Bro^{s} Richard Vaux, Tobias Buehler & Ge^{o} Haswill were appointed on the Committee.

A Communication was received and read from the Hall Committee which on motion was approved and ordered to be filed.

The following Report was received, read & ordered to be filed & Com^{e} Discharged.

To the Grand Lodge of Penns^{a}

The Committee appointed to Inquire into the expediency of effecting a change in the assessment of Grand Lodge dues.

Respectfully beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the subject and find it inexpedient to effect any

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change at this time and beg leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

Signed. Wm. M. Martin,
Jno. W. McGrath,
Committee.

Phil., Septr. 1, 1846.

The following report was received from the Committee of Finance for quarter ending March 31st, 1846, read and approved, viz:

Receipts.

For Lodge dues, rent, &c., . . .	$2247.12	
" Warrant, New Lodge at Pittsburg,	" 81.00	
" Dispensations, Certificates, &c., from G. Secy., ...	" 83.50	
" Rent 3d St. Hall, ...	" 145.00	
" Rent Chestnut St. Hall, . . .	" 708.33	$3264.95

Payments.

For Int. on Loans, ...	$1712.05		
" Gas 3d St., ...	$86.64		
" Repairs do., . . .	36.89		
" Advertising, . . .	1.	$ 124.53	
" Salaries, G. Treasr., . .	$50.		
" G. Secy., . .	200.		
" G. Tyler, . .	40.50	$ 290.50	$2127.08
Amount of receipts exceeding payments, . .			$1137.87
Balance Decr. 31, 1845,	1966.02		
do. Mar. 31, 1846,	3103.89		$1137.87

Phil., June 1st, 1846.

Signed. Geo. Smith,
J. R. Flanigan,
A. E. Dougherty, Committee.

The following report was also received from the Committee of Finance for quarter ending June 30th, 1846, which was read and approved, viz:

To the Rt. Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

The Committee of Finance Respectfully Report a Statement of the Receipts & Payments by the Grand Treasurer for the quarter ending June 30/46.

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Receipts.

For Lodge dues, &c., ...		$558.50	
" Rent Chestnut S$^{t.}$ Hall, . . .		272.75	
" " Third S$^{t.}$ Hall, ...		37.50	
" Dispensations, Certificates, &c., .		103.00	$1,071.75

Payments.

For Interest p$^{d.}$ on Bonds & Loans, .		$1220.67	
" Expenses 3rd S$^{t.}$ Hall, viz:			
" Water Rent, . . .	$10.00		
" Repairs of Roof, &c., .	$94.73		
" Gas, ...	$77.94		
" Advertising, . . .	3.50	186.17	
" Salaries, viz:			
Grand Treasurer, . .	$ 50.00		
Grand Secretary, . .	$200.00		
Grand Tyler, . . .	$ 40.50	290.50	$1697.34
Amount of paym$^{ts.}$ Ex. receipts, ...			$ 625.59
Bal. in hands of G. Treas.			
Mar. 31, ...	$3103.89		
Bal. in hands of G. Treas.			
June 30, ...	$2478.30		625.59

Phil., Sept. 1, 1846.

Signed. Ge$^{o.}$ Smith,
J. R. Flanigan,
A. E. Dougherty, Committee.

A report was received from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Bro. Adam Bender for remission of dues, &c., the reading of which was postponed until the next quarterly communication.

A Communication was received and read from Bro. William Creasey, W. M. of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 9, Complaining of the conduct of Bro$^{s.}$ Aaron Samuels of N$^{o.}$ 2, Leon Hyneman of N$^{o.}$ 71, William M. Martin of N$^{o.}$ 3, Jo$^{s.}$ H. Israell of N$^{o.}$ 51, John C. Laycock & James M^{c}Mullin of N$^{o.}$ 9.

Objection being made as to the form of the Communication it was on motion duly made and Seconded, ordered to lay on the Table.

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The following report from the Committee of By Laws was received and Approved, viz:

To the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

The Committee on By Laws respectfully report that the By Laws of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 121, have been carefully examined and recommend their approval after Inserting in Article 7th the words, Members of the Lodge neither of whom is a recommender, immediately after the word Masons in the 3^{d} line.

Strike out the words *a Majority* in the 5th line and Insert the word *the* and also after the word report in the same line add the word *be.*

Respectfully Submitted.

Wm. H. Adams,
Ja$^{s.}$ Hutchinson, Committee.

On motion duly made and seconded, It was resolved,

That permission be given to Lodge N$^{o.}$ 121, to hold her Meetings hereafter in the Grand Lodge Room on the Evening specified in the By Laws Just approved by the Grand Lodge.

The following report from the Committee of By Laws was also received, read & approved, "viz:"

To the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

The Committee on By Laws respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the By Laws of Lodge No. 219, at Pittsburg.

Also the Alteration made in the By Laws of Lodge No. 19, Phil$^{a.}$

Also the Alteration made in the By Laws of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 203, at Lewistown, Pa.

and finding them to conform to the regulations of the Grand Lodge respectfully recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted.

William H. Adams,
Ja$^{s.}$ Hutchinson, Committee.

The following report was also received and approved, viz:

To the R$^{t.}$ W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on By Laws respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the Alterations and amendments made to the By Laws of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 148, at Northumberland, and recommend their adoption.

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After striking out of the amendment to Article 5th the words Five & Insert Ten, as the Amendment if permitted to remain unaltered would reduce the Initiation fee to Ten dollars and thereby tend to make Masonry too Cheap.

Respectfully Submitted.

Sept. 5, 1846. Signed by the Committee.

A Petition was presented and read from Bro. A. J. H. B— asking assistance which on motion was referred to the Stewards of the G. Bequest.

The Grand Secretary stated that he had received from Bro. Alexander McCammon of Pittsburg a Trunk containing a number of Collars, Aprons and Books of the late Lodges No. 113 & 165, held at that place & that Bro. McCammon informed him that the Jewels & Warrants of said Lodges were either Burned or lost at the Great fire which took place in 1845 in Pittsburg.

The following Communication was received, read and ordered to be filed.

Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Grand Secretarys office.

July 7th, A. L. 5846.

R. W. Sir & Bro.,

At an adjourned meeting of the Semi Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia held on the 6th instant in the Hall of Potomoc Lodge, No. 5, Georgetown, the following resolution was unanimously Adopted, viz:

Resolved, That A. A. M—, D. D. Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge be expelled from all the rights and benefits of Free Masonry for Grossly Immoral & Unmasonic Conduct.

A True Copy from the Minutes.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and affixed the Seal of the said Grand Lodge this 7th day of July, A. D. 1846.

By order of the M. W. G. Lodge.

H. C. Williams,
Grand Secy.

The Grand Secretary stated that on the receipt of the above communication by direction of the R. W. Grand Master he had notified all the Lodges under this Jurisdiction.

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The following Communication was received from the Committee of correspondence and ordered to be filed, viz: To the R^t. W. Grand Lodge of Penn.

The Committee on Correspondence would respectfully Report,

That they have submitted for their consideration Communications from the Grand Lodges of Louisiana & Missouri which upon careful examination it appears that the Masonic Order in those two Jurisdictions is in a prosperous state and that the Brethren are Zealous and active.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. D. C. Skerritt.
Jn^o. W. M^cGrath.
Jacob F. Hahnlan.

A Circular letter was rec^d. from the G. Sec^y. of the Grand Lodge of New York Communicating the Autographs of the Grand Officers of that Grand Lodge, which was ordered to be filed.

Communications from the Grand Lodges of North Carolina, Indiana, New York, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Connecticut, Florida, Wisconsin and Ireland.

Which were referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

On Motion of Bro. William H. Adams and duly seconded, it was unanimously "Resolved,"

That so much of the R. W. G. Masters address delivered June 1^st. 1846, as relates to the Finance of the Grand Lodge be printed and furnished to the Members of the Grand Lodge.

On motion duly made and Seconded, it was Resolved,

That the dues owing by Lodge N^o. 152, at Easton, and Lodge N^o. 201, at Mauch Chunck, be remitted up to Dec^r. 27, 1845, as petitioned for.

The following was offered by Bro. Alexander Diamond, viz:

Resolved, That Bro. Frederick Dankworth formerly a Member of Industry Lodge, No. 131, and suspended for non payment of dues, be and he is hereby reinstated to good standing in the Order by paying $31.00 to the Grand Treasurer being the amount of his indebtedness to Lodge No. 131 at the time of his suspension and Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to Issue a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. F. Dankworth.

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On motion the consideration of the above Resolutions was postponed until our next quarterly communication.

The resolutions which were offered in relation to the Communication from the brethren at Pittsburg by Bro. Griscom at last quarterly communication were called up & on motion duly made and seconded, the second & third resolutions were withdrawn.

Bro. Richard Vaux offered the following Substitute for Bro. Griscoms first resolution, viz: Resolved, That the Grand Lodge view with Surprise and deep regret the language of the Brethren of Pittsburg used in their communication to this Grand Lodge May 25th, 1846, as calculated to pervert some of the fundamental principles of the Masonic order.

Bro. J. A. Phillips moved to amend the above resolution by substituting Bro. Griscoms original resolution, which amendment was lost. When on Motion duly made and seconded, Bro. Vauxs Resolution was adopted.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 20 Minutes past Ten o'clock, P. M.

William H. Adams,
Secretary Grand Lodge.

Visitors.

Jacob Katz No. 2, Jn° S. Hart, E. H. Butler, A. P. Hesser, Ge°. Bilger No. 3, Ja^{s}. M. Mullin 9, P. S. Jacobi N. 19, D. Struasberger 45, W^{m}. Chalmers 59, Jesse Stone 61, M. Klosser, Robert Lister N°. 71, Jn°. Jones 71, E. T. Chase 72, G. Spohn 72, Ja^{s}. Krim, D. M. Sullenger, H. A. Nagle, Jn°. G. Sharp, Jo^{s}. M. Patterson, Ja^{s}. Lathbury, Jo^{s}. Peel 114, Jo^{s}. Glenat, J. R. Stebbs 115, Ja^{s}. Finn 121, S. Drinker 130, Ja^{s}. Shields 158, W^{m}. H. Burns 186, Francis Smith 187, Ja^{s}. Jordan 187, W. Z. Mathews 89, Ky.

Phil. Sept. 7. 1846.
W^{m}. H. Adams.

PHIL., October 5th, 1846, A. L. 5846.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Special Grand Communication for the purpose of taking into consideration the report of the committee on the proposition for Improving in front of the Chestnut Street Hall.

Present:

Bro. James Page, R^{t}. W. G. Master.
" Peter Fritz, " " D. G. Master.

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Bro. A. Bournonville,	R^t. W. S^r.	G. Warden, P.T.
" John W. M^cGrath,	" " J^r.	G. Warden, P.T.
" John Thomson,	" "	G. Treas^r.
" W^m. H. Adams,	" " "	Sec^y.
" D. C. Skerritt,		Dep^y. G. Sec^y.
" Jn^o. J. Kerr,		G. Chaplain.
" Jacob Steiner,		G. Sword Bearer.
" Robert M^cCulloch,		Pursuivant.
" Jn^o. Martin,		S^r. G. Deacon.
" C. C. Williams,		J^r. G. Deacon.
" B. Newcomb,		
" C. Stevenson,		Past G. Masters.
" William Barger,		

Lodges Represented.

No. 2, Richardson, Samuels.
" 3, Moore, Thomson, Martin, Skerritt.
" 9, Kelly.
" 19, Hodges, Griscom, Bradley.
" 51, Howard, Thomson, Israel.
" 52, Thomas, Ferguson, Patton.
" 59, Middleton, Watson, Davenport, Gandy, Adams.
" 67, Wagner, Smith, Jo^s Hutchinson.
" 71, Myers, Kerr, Golden, Phillips.
" 72, Williams, Stevenson, Barger, Grigg, Thomson, Peacock.
" 91, Jones, Manning, Hart, Mitchell.
" 114, Bruner, Krider, Kelly, Thomson.
" 115, Heimberger, Diamond, M^cCloud, Newcomb.
" 121, Levistien, Davis, Frazer.
" 125, Steiner, Verrick, Aichternacht, Hahnlan, Bournonville.
" 130, Shultz, Sleeper, Pascal, Lescure, Easby, M^cGrath, T. Chandler.
" 155, Fritz, Allen, Martin.
" 158, Oliver, Taylor, Lowe, Hamilton.
" 186, Smith, Barrington, Russell.
" 187, Hilt, Wallace, Albright.
" 211, Singleton, Sanger, Page, Dorlan.

Proxies, 43 W^m Barger, 82, 108, 138, 190 W^m H. Adams, 190 Ja^s Page, 218 John Thomson.

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Twenty Eight Lodges Represented, Grand Lodge Opened in Ample form at ½ past 6 O'c., P. M.

The following report was received & read, viz:

To the Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

The Committee to whom was referred the proposition and plan of Brother William S. Shultz for improving in front of the Chestnut S[t]. Hall.

Report, That after several Meetings and a careful examination of the subject they are unanimously of opinion that it would be for the interest of the Grand Lodge to enter into an engagement with Bro. Shultz for the Building of Four Stores on the vacant ground in front of the Masonic Hall Chestnut Street upon the principle & according to the plan herewith submitted in a substantial manner & of the best materials he giving satisfactory security for the faithful performance of the Contract, the said stores to be erected without any cost to the Grand Lodge and Brother Shultz to receive all the rental thereof for three Years from the time of their being finished which is to be on or before the first day of March, 1847, the rent from that time until the expiration of his lease to be received by M[r]. E. Peale as a full consideration for the surrender of the ground to be occupied by the said erections, the additional taxes on said improvement to be paid by Bro. Shultz and Mr. E. Peale according to the arrangement between them, therefore offer the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a Committee of be appointed for the purpose of making a contract with Bro. Shultz for the erection of the above stores, said committee in entering into the contract to carefully guard the interests of the Grand Lodge by Securing the Erection of Substantial Buildings of the best Material & Warkmanship and finished in all their details the material of the best kind and the specifications to be full and complete with ample security for the performance of the contract. The specifications and security to be satisfactory to the said committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. C. Stevenson,
George Smith,
Jacob Steiner, Committee.

Phil., Octo[r]. 5, 1846.

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On motion of Bro. Jn°. W. McGrath and duly seconded, it was resolved, that the report be accepted and the resolution adopted.

On motion the blank in the resolution of the committee was filled by inserting Five, when Bro^s. Peter Fritz, A. Bournonville, Jacob Steiner, Jn°. W. McGrath & Jn°. Page were appointed the Committee on Building, &c.

When on motion duly made and seconded, the R. W. G. Master Bro. Ja^s. Page was added to the committee.

On motion of Bro. Jn°. Thomson the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, that in the event of any of the Insurance Companies now Insuring on the Hall in Chestnut Street objecting to the projected improvement the "Committee on Building" be authorized to withdraw the premium from such Office and insure in any other office.

Leave having been given for that purpose the R. W. P. G. M., Brother Newcomb, stated to the Grand Lodge That he had been requested by the Trustees of the Girard Bequest to state in reply to the Resolution of the Grand Lodge of the first of June last relating to the sale of the Stocks held by the Trustees. That the Three Shares of Kensington Bank Stock yielded a dividend in

May, 1845 of $6.75
Nov^r., 1845 " $7.50
May, 1846 " $7.50

That the 102 Shares of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank Stock yielded a dividend in

May, 1845 of $153.00
Nov., 1845 " $153.00
May, 1846 " $183.60

That the Trustees under the circumstances deemed it inexpedient to sell the stocks at present and as the resolution did not *direct* them to sell, but *authorized* them to do so, they declined selling it unless posatively directed by the Grand Lodge.

On motion a number of Visiting Brethren were admitted.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at a ¼ past 8 O'c., P. M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

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December 7th, 1846, A. L. 5846.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Present:

Bro. James Page,	R^t. W. Grand Master.
" Peter Fritz,	" " Dep^y. G. Master.
" W^m. Whitney,	" " S^r. G. Warden.
" A. Bournonville,	" " J^r. G. Warden.
" John Thomson,	" " G. Treas.
" W^m. H. Adams,	" " G. Sec^y.
" Robert Hutchinson,	" " Dep^y. G. S.
" Thomas B. Florence,	S^r. G. Deacon.
" C. C. Williams,	J^r. G. Deacon.
" Ezra Stiles Ely,	Grand Chaplain.
" Jacob Steiner,	G^r. Sword Bearer.
" Robert M^cCulloch,	G. Pursuivant.
" W^m. Barger,	R^t. W. P. G. Master.

N° 2, Flick, Maguire, Samuels.
" 3, Wood, Thomson, Skerritt, English, Martin, Carlin, Taylor, Florence, Hall, M^cKaraher, Moore, King, Dorriss, Webb.
" 9, Kelly, Lendium.
" 19, Childs, Bradley, Hodges, Griscom, Haswell, Thornly,
" 51, Thomson, Syz, Whitney.
" 52, Patton, Thomas.
" 59, Adams, Scott, Gandy, Shumway, Davenport, Barrington.
" 67, R. Hutchinson, Simpson, Baugh, Russ, Wagner, Deklyne, Smith.
" 71, Meyer, Vancollum, M. & L. Hyneman, Weikle, Golden, Phillips.
" 72, Williams, Grigg, Thomson, Coleman, Barger, West, Peacock.
" 91, Neagle, Manning.
" 114, Thomson, Benner, Kelly, M^cIntire, Coburn, Baxter.
" 115, Diamond, Archambault, Dougherty, Heimberger.
" 121, Vaux, Davis, Traquair.
" 125, Buehler, Steiner, Hahnlan, Bournonville,
" 130, Lescure, Logue, Shultz, Sleeper, Clemens.
" 134, Patitt, Rooney.

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N° 135, Mullen & White.
" 155, Bacon, Martin, Fritz, Collins, English, Allen, Carter.
" 158, Taylor, Moore, Ewing, Oliver, Barnstead.
" 186, Zeigler, Smith, Horner.
" 187, Albright, Wallace, Hecky, Hilt, Coates.
" 197, Kinsey.
" 211, Page, Singleton, Cartwright.
Proxies, N° 22 W^m Whitney, 43 & 164 W^m Barger, 45 Leon Hyneman, 82, 108, 138, 199 W^m H. Adams, 190 James Page, 218 John Thomson, 221 J. A. Phillips.

Thirty five Lodges represented, Grand Lodge opened in Ancient form at 20 Minutes past 6 O'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held September 7 were read and adopted.

The Minutes of the Special Communication October 5^th were read and adopted.

The R^t. W. Grand Master stated that on Octo^r. 6^th he proceeded to Germantown accompanied by the G. Officers & a number of the brethren and Installed the officers of Lodge N^o. 81 at that place.

That on October 15^th he reorganized Lodge No. 134 in the City of Philad^a. and Installed the Officers of Said Lodge.

Also that on Dec^r. 5^th by request of a number of Brethren he called a Special meeting for the purpose of E. P. & Raising John Bennett, John E. Monroe & W^m. S. Small, Volunteers for the Mexican War the particulars of which the G. S. will please enter upon the Minutes of this Meeting.

Special Communication.

PHIL., Decr. 5, 1846.

For the purpose of E. P. & Raising John Bennett, John E. Monroe & William S. Small Volunteers for the Mexican War.

Present:

Bro. Ja^s. Page, R^t. W. G. Master; Peter Fritz, R^t. W. D. G. Master; W^m. Whitney, R^t. W. S^r. G. Warden; A. Bournonville, Jr. G. Warden; John Thomson, Gr. Treas^r.; W^m. H. Adams, Gr^d. Sec^y.; W^m. Barger, P. G. Master; Tho^s. B. Florence, S^r. G. Deacon; Robert M^cCulloch, Gr^d. Pursuivant; John C. Smith, W^m. M. Martin, Ja^s. Simpson, Fred^k. Shultz, Jn^o. C. Yeager, Jo^s. Archambault, D. S. Bredeman, George Smith,

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Jno. W. McGrath, Washn. Heimberger, C. B. Russ, A. Larrentree, Jno. Abrahams, William English, J. Sidney Jones, Members of the Grand Lodge.

Visitors, Bros Jno G. Sharp, E. T. Chase, John Cassin, Jno Miller, Jr, Jno Bellstrung.

An E. A. L. opened in Ancient form at half past Six, P. M.

Past G. M. Wm. Barger took the Chair when John Bennett, Jno. E. Monroe and Wm. S. Small were Separately introduced and received the first degree. E. A. Lodge closed and a F. C. Lodge opened when the above named Brethren were introduced and Separately Past to the degree of Fellow Craft Masonry, F. C. L. closed and a M. M. L. opened when Bros. Jno. Bennett, Jno. C. Monroe & Wm. S. Small were introduced and Separately Raised to the Sublime degree of a M. Mason.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 11 o'clock, P. M.

W. H. Adams, Secy.

A Petition was received & read from a Number of Brethren residing in Minersville, Schuylkill Coy. Pa., praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in Minersville to be called Minersville Lodge and nominating Brother Wm. N. Robbins, first W. M.; Bro. Samuel Gumpert, first Sr. W., & Bro. Clement S. Foster, first Junior Warden. Said petition being properly Signed and recommended, it was on motion granted, to be Numbered Two hundred & Twenty two.

A Return was received shewing the revival & reorganization of Evergreen Lodge, No. 163, at Monroton, Bradford County, Pennsa., on the 15th day of April, 1846, which was ordered to be filed.

A Return was received from C. P. Gummert, D. D. G. M. shewing the opening and organizing of a new Lodge in Pittsburg, No. 221, and the Installation of officers Octo. 15, 1846, which on motion was ordered to be entered and filed.

A Communication was received from Lodge No. 221, at Pittsburg, appointing Bro. J. A. Phillips, Proxy, of Said Lodge.

On motion duly made & Seconded, Bro. J. A. Phillips was recognized as the proxy of Lodge No. 221.

A Return was received from Bro. Benjn. Park shewing the revival and reorganization of Hiram Tyran Lodge, No. 141, at Halifax, Pa., on the 23rd day of September, 1846.

Which was ordered to be filed.

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The following Communication was received from the Secretary of Lodge N°. 3 which after considerable discussion was withdrawn, viz:

Phil., Octo^r. 27^th. 1846.

Sir. & Bro.,

In the discharge of my duty as Secretary of Lodge N°. 3, I am required to communicate the rejection of M— N— (an applicant for Initiation and Membership in Said Lodge) Age, 33 Years; Profession, Auctioneer; Residence, 7^th S^t. Above Brown S^t.; Said N— was rejected on the 21^st day of July & on the same Evening it was "Resolved, That a Second ballot be had," which resolution was adopted at the following stated meeting and the balloting had at the stated meeting held on the Fifteenth day of September last past when the said N— was again rejected.

W^m. M. Martin, Sec^y. N°. 3.

To W^m. H. Adams, R. W. G. S.

applicant for Initiation and Membership in Said Lodge) Age, & ordered to be filed.

General returns from Lodge No. 218, for 1845 was received & ordered to be filed.

Alterations to the By Laws of Lodge N°. 164, at Washington, Pa., was presented and referred to Committee on By Laws.

The following Report was received and approved, viz:

To the Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

The Committee on By Laws respectfully report that they have carefully examined the new code of By Laws submitted by Lodge No. 114, and recommend their adoption.

They have also examined the alterations made in By Laws of Lodge No. 164, at Washington, Pa., and recommend their adoption.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. W^m. H. Adams, James Hutchinson, } Comm^e.

Phil., Dec^r. 1, 1846.

A petition was received from a number of Brethren in Phoenixville, former Members of Lodge No. 75, asking for the revival of Phoenixville Lodge, No. 75, and nominating Bro. Major M^cVeigh, first Worshipful Master; Bro. ——, Senior Warden; Bro. ——, Junior Warden.

Which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

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The following report was received and adopted, viz:
To the Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

The Grand Officers to whom were referred Sundry Matters, Respectfully report, That they granted the Warrants prayed for at Hollidaysburg & Pittsburg and gave permission for the revival of Lodge No. 134, their dues first having been remitted.

They further report that they declined reviving the charters of Lodges No. 64 and 182, believing that in no instance should such a revival be granted where the Warrant Books and papers of a Lodge have not been returned in conformity to the regulations of the Ahiman Rezon.

They further report that they have had under consideration the application to relinquish to the Heirs of Bro. Wagner the legacy of Two hundred dollars left by him to the Grand Lodge and think the same ought not to be done, it appearing contrary to the wish of the donor, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to relinquish to the Heirs of Bro. Wagner the legacy of $200 as petitioned for.

Signed. A. Bournonville, James Page,
John Thomson, Peter Fritz,
W[m]. H. Adams, W[m]. Whitney, Committee.

The following report from the Committee of Finance was received, read & ordered to be filed.
To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pa.,

The Committee of Finance Respectfully Report a Statement of the receipts & Payments by the Grand Treasurer for the quarter ending Sept[r]. 30[th]. 1846.

Receipts.

For Lodge Dues, &c., . .	337.88		
" New Warrants No[s]. 220 & 221, ...	162.00		
" Dispensations & Certif., &c., ...	113.00	$ 612.88	
" Rent, Rooms, &c., 3[d] S[t]. Hall, ...		90.00	
" Do. Chestnut S[t]. Hall, . . .		1330.00	$2032.88

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Payments.

For Interest, ...		$1712.05	
" Expenses 3d St. Hall.			
" Gas, ...	$ 65.79		
" Taxes, ...	$177.30		
" Wall paper & Papering,	$ 70.44		
" Carpeting, . . .	$111.90		
" Printing, ...	$ 25.75		
" Repairs, ...	$ 7.00		
" Upholstering, . . .	$ 68.00		
" Painting, ...	" 32.02		
" Gas Fixtures, . . .	" 9.00		
" Coal, ...	" 32.70		
" Repairs & Incidental Exns., ...	" 25.24		
" Carpenters Work, . .	" 11.27		
" Spittoons, ...	" 10.00		
" Expenses of G. S. to Mauch Chunck, &c., .	" 10.00		
" frieght on Trunks, Books, &c., &c., from Pittsburg, ...	3.44	$659.85	
" Salaries.			
Grand Treas., . .	50.00		
" Secy., . .	200.00		
" Tyler, . .	40.50	290.50	$2662.40
Amount of payments Ex. receipts, ...			$ 629.52
Cash bal. June 30, 1846, . . .		$2487.30	
do. do. Sept. 30, 1846, . . .		"1848.78	$ 629.52

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Signed. George Smith,
Alexr. E. Dougherty, Committee.

Communications were received from the following Grand Lodges and referred to the Committee of Correspondence, viz:

Grand Lodge of Illinois, Ohio, Maryland, Massachusetts, Kentuckey, Iowa, Maine.

Bro. George Griscom, Chairman of the Trustees of the Charity Fund, stated that in pursuance of the Resolution passed June 1st. 1846. The Trustees have caused to be pre-

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pared a Ground Rent deed, Conveying the property in Chester to Mr. William Irvine of that place on a Ground Rent of 21.25 a Year.

The form of the deeds thus prepared were then read before the Grand Lodge and two erasures therein of the words "or their successors" in the 2nd & 5th lines from the bottom having been noted at the bottom of the Deeds and Explained by Bro. Griscom were approved of by the Grand Lodge & on motion duly made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Trustees of the Charity Fund be authorized & directed to have said Deeds executed in their present form.

The following Report was received, read & approved & Resolution thereunto appended adopted.

To the Rt. W. G. Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

The undersigned appointed a Committee by the Rt. W. G. Master at the last quarterly Grand Communication held Sept[r]. 7, 1846, to investigate and examine certain charges made against Bro. William Creasey, W. M. of Lodge N[o]. 9, See certified Copy annexed Marked A. beg leave respectfully to report that in view of the object of their appointment they fixed a time and place for the hearing of the Witnesses on the part of the complainants & notified the witnesses who were required to attend. See list of Witnesses attached marked B.

The undersigned met accordingly and before proceeding to the investigation made and published the rules for the government and the proceedings of the Committee, a Copy of which are hereunto annexed marked C.

After these rules were made & after the parties & Witnesses had been furnished with a duplicate Copy thereof and before the Committee had proceeded with the duties enjoined upon it, several queries were put to the Committee by one of the Witnesses, all of which were answered by the Committee while the parties were preparing to come before the Committee & while the first Witness on the part of the complainants was being examined, others of the Witnesses drew up & caused to be presented to Your Committee several written papers all of which are hereunto annexed Marked D. E. From the tenor of these several papers it appears to your committee that while the parties were satisfied with the mode of proceedure instituted, the

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brethren, who were notified to attend before the Committee Simply, plainly and dispassionately to state their knowledge of the matters to be enquired into were dissatisfied. They complained that your committee could not make rules for their government as were made, not that these rules contained any thing in opposition to the constitution or By Laws of the R. W. Grand Lodge but, because the Witnesses who were the protestants, did not approve of the course of your Committee saw fit to adopt, regulating the Manner in which those Witnesses were to be examined. Instead of being witnesses they became voluntarily parties, and having no interest in the Matter before the Committee but to testify, they complained of the course of the committee while the parties themselves as far as your committee could judge from their Manner & conduct were fully Satisfied.

The course your committee adopted was suggested solely by a regard for the best interests of the R^t. W. G. Lodge. They thought then & still believe they had the right, representing as they did the R. W. the Grand Lodge for the time being, so far as their specific duties were concerned to make any rules not inconsistant with the constitution and By Laws of the Grand Lodge.

In consideration of the protest signed by several highly respectable and valuable brethren, and being interrupted in their labours and by no means desirable task not sought by any of them, Your Committee Resolved, to adjourn further proceedings & report to the Grand Lodge for Instructions how they should best perform duties, disagreeable at all times but especially so when opposed by a spirit of discontent among those who were in no wise either injured, abused or treated with disrespect, or contrary to any known principles of Masonic conduct.

Your Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, That it is competent to any Committee appointed by the R. W. G. Master as a Committee of the Grand Lodge to make any rules for the government and regulation of the proceedings of said Committee; if such rules shall not be in opposition to or at variance with the Constitution and By Laws of the R^t. W. G. Lodge.

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. Rich$^{d.}$ Vaux,
Tobias Buehler,
Phil., Dec$^{r.}$ 1846. Ge$^{o.}$ D. Haswell, Committee.

This being the Evening appointed by the rules and regulations for the Election of Officers.

The R$^{t.}$ W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bro$^{s.}$ William English, George D. Haswell, John Neagle & Alex$^{r.}$ Diamond, Tellers.

The R$^{t.}$ W. G. Lodge then went into a ballot when the following officers were duly re-elected, viz:

Bro. Ja$^{s.}$ Page, R$^{t.}$ W. G. Master.
" Peter Fritz, " " D. G. Master.
" W$^{m.}$ Whitney, " " S$^{r.}$ G. Warden.
" A. Bouronville, " " J$^{r.}$ G. Warden.
" John Thomson, " " G. Treas$^{r.}$
" W$^{m.}$ H. Adams, " " G. Sec$^{y.}$

Bro$^{s.}$ B. Newcomb, Sam$^{l.}$ Badger, S. H. Perkins, Alex. Diamond & Enos S. Gandy, Trustees of the Girard Bequest.

The Case of Bro. Frederick Dankforth was called up by Bro. Alex. Diamond when on motion duly made and Seconded, it was resolved, That Bro. Fred$^{k.}$ Dankforth be reinstated on the payments of his dues.

The following Report was received, read & adopted & the Am$^{t.}$ asked for appropriated, viz: The Trustees of the Charity Fund Report, that by the treasurers Account it appears that there has been disbursed for charitable purposes during the present Year of the Charity Fund the Sum of $145.00.

That there remains in the Treasury $252.96 and that there remains on hand of the Sum which was appropriated for charity during the Year the Sum of $5.00.

They respectfully request that the Grand Lodge shall now make an additional appropriation of $100 to be disbursed in charity by the Trustees. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. Jn$^{o.}$ Allen, Ge$^{o.}$ Griscom,
W$^{m.}$ E. Ewing, Jn$^{o.}$ Bradley,
Phil., Dec$^{r.}$ 7, 1846. Committee.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at ¼ to 10 O'clock.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

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PHIL., Monday, Decr. 28, A. L. 5846.

Annual Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. James Page,	R^t. W. G. Master.
" Peter Fritz,	" " D. G. M.
" William Whitney,	" " S^r. G. W.
" A. Bournonville,	" " J^r. G. W.
" John Thomson,	" " G. Treas^r.
" W^m. H. Adams,	" " G. Sec^y.
" Tho^s. B. Florence,	" " S^r. G. Deacon.
" E. P. Lescure,	" " Jr. G. do.
" Jacob Steiner,	G. S. Bearer.
" Henry G. Smith,	" " Marshal.
" Robert M^cCulloch,	" Pursuivant.
" E. S. Ely & Sam^l. Ashton,	" Chaplains.
" W^m. Barger,	R^t. W. P. G. Master.

Lodges Represented.

N° 2, Flick, Gumple.
" 3, Skerritt, Moore, Zorns, Taylor, Dillman, Dorriss, Florence, Carlin, Steelwagon.
" 9, Kelly, Lendium.
" 19, Bradley, Smith, Hodges, Park, Griscom.
" 51, Whitney, Thomson, Israel.
" 52, Thomas.
" 59, Adams, Middleton, Scott, Barrington.
" 67, Wagner, Van Osten, Conrad, Jones, Smith, Rob^t & Ja^s Hutchinson, Reese.
" 71, Meyer, M. Hyneman, Vancollum, Golden, Smith.
" 72, West, Barger, Coleman.
" 114, Bruner, Krider.
" 115, M^cCloud, Shultz.
" 121, Patterson, Traquair, Baehler.
" 125, Hahnlan, Steiner, Aichternacht, Wollenweber, Bournonville.
" 130, Lescure, M^cGrath, Shultz.
" 134, Robert M^cCulloch.
" 155, Collins, Abrahams, Fritz.
" 187, Hilt, Albright, Coates.
" 211, Cartwright, Singleton.

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Proxies, No. 22 W^m Whitney, 43 & 164 W^m Barger, 82, 108, 138, 199 W^m H. Adams, 190 James Page, 218 John Thomson.

Twenty Eight Lodges represented Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 10¼ O'c. in the forenoon.

So much of the Minutes of Dec^r. 7^th as relates to the Election of Officers was read and approved.

Those present who were not Past Masters Withdrew. When Bro. James Page was duly Installed R^t. W. Grand Master in ancient and solemn form and being duly proclaimed received the cordial and accustomed Salutations of the Brethren.

Bro. Peter Fritz was then duly Installed R^t. W. Dep^y. G. Master in Ancient and Solemn form and being duly proclaimed received the cordial and accustomed Salutations of the Brethren.

Those Brethren who had withdrawn were readmitted, when the following Grand Officers were Severally Installed in ancient and solemn form and being duly proclaimed received the Cordial and accustomed Salutations of the Brethren, viz:

Bro.	William Whitney,	R^t. W.	S. G. W.
"	Anthony Bournonville,	" "	J^r. G. W.
"	John Thomson,	" "	G. Treas^r.
"	W^m. H. Adams,	" "	G. Sec^y.

The R^t. W. G. Master announced the following appointments, viz:

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Bro. Robert Moderwell of Lancaster, for the County of Lancaster.

" William B. Potts of Orwigsburg, for the Counties of Scuylkill, Northampton and Carbon.

" Joseph L. Stichter of Reading, for Berks County.

" C. P. Gummert of Brownsville, for the Counties of Fayette, Greene, Allegheny and Washington.

" Benjamin Parke of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin, Mifflin, Cumberland, Huntingdon, Franklin & Blair.

" George C. Welker of Sunbury, for the Counties of Northumberland, Union, Clinton and Lycoming.

" Henry Pettibone of Wilkesbarre, for the Counties of Luzerne, Susquehanna, Wayne, Pike & Bradford.

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Grand Chaplains.

Revd. Brs. Jno. Chambers, Peter Van Pelt, John B. Clemson, Orson Douglass, Jno. J. Kerr, John L. Burrows, Henry W. Ducachet, Samuel Ashton, E. S. Ely.

Grand Deacons.

Bro. Thomas B. Florence, Senior G. D.
" C. C. Williams, Junior G. D.

Grand Stewards.

Brs. Jno. J. Krider & James Simpson.
Grand Marshal, Bro. Henry G. Smith.
Grand Sword Bearer, Bro. Jacob Steiner.
" Pursuivant, Bro. Robt. McCulloch.
" Tyler, Bro. Wm. B. Schnider.

Trustees of the Charity Fund.

Brs. Geo. Griscom, John Bradley, John Allen, Tobias Buehler, Wm. E. Ewing.

Committee of Finance.

Brs. George Smith, Alexr. E. Dougherty, G. G. Westcot, Geo. H. Oliver, Js. R. Flanigen.

Committee of Correspondence.

Brs. D. C. Skerritt, Jno. W. McGrath, Jacob F. Hahulen.

Committee on By Laws.

Brs. Jno. M. Read, Wm. H. Adams, Js. Hutchinson.

Committee to examine the transactions of the last Year and Select for Publication.

Brs. E. P. Lescure, Wm. Clinton, Joshua Mitchell.

Hall Committee.

Brs. Chas. McKaraher, Robt. Patton, Jno. C. Smith.

Committee on Land Marks.

Brs. B. Newcomb, Js. R. Chandler, S. H. Perkins.

Stewards of the Girard Charity Fund.

Brs. Js. E. Richardson, C. Dillman, in place of Bro. R. R. Moore, deceased, James Kelly, Geo. K. Childs, Michael Bouvier, John Thomas, Gavin Watson, James Simpson, Wm. B. Schnider, Abraham West, John Neagle, Wm. W. Thomson, John McCloud, Richard Vaux, Jacob Steiner, E. P. Lescure, John Allen, J. D. Moore, Edwd. Barrington, James Hickey and John Page.

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The R^t. W. G. Secretary appointed Bro. W^m. W. Smith, Deputy Grand Sec^y. which appointment was approved by the Grand Lodge.

The R^t. W. Grand Master was pleased to deliver the following eloquent and highly satisfactory Address, viz:

Brethren, &c.,

Again called by your spontaneous action to preside over the destinies of the Grand Lodge, allow me again to thank you for your kindness and confidence. High and dignified as is the possession of this chair, it would want its chief attraction for me, if I did not think in the bestowal of the trust, I had Masonic hearts as well as Masonic votes. To be looked upon merely as the Officer, and not the friend to be regarded solely as the chief, and not the Brother, to hold the power, without possessing the respect, commanding the esteem, and reposing in the love of the fraternity, would indeed be to retain a barron Scepter, since it would lack everything to make it desirable, make it as honourable or cause it to be productive of happy and fertilizing influences. It is not therefore the distinctions which kindles in my breast emotions of gratitude, and bids my lips speak thanks to one & all, it is the mode, the manner, the universal voice of this Grand Lodge by which I have been greeted at the end of my Masonic term; indicating satisfaction for the past & trustfulness for the future. It is these, and above all your unsought for suffrages, your voluntary action at the ballot box, that demand as they now receive my sincere & deep felt acknowledgements. When I shall have passed from this chair the recollection of your courteous & fraternal treatment will often occur to my Memory long after the pride, so naturally excited by the honor which you have twice conferred, has waned with time & been diminished through Age and infirmity.

In entering upon my duties as Grand Master, I deeply felt responsibility which rested upon me & I firmly resolved to support the principles of the Order, and adhere to its usages and land marks. I was bound by every obligation to preserve these inviolate, and where departures had occured through inadvertance or otherwise to cause the error to be speedily repaired and see that it did not occur again. The safety of the Order is to be found in its simplicity, uniformity and consistency.

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Inovations I regard as dangerous we pride ourselves on the antiquity of its origin, and point to our emblems now, as those of the Years that are buried in the past, and know that the tokens we exhibit and the Signs we understand, are the same which Millions of the mighty dead if Suddenly endowed with life and thrown upon the world would greet as familiars & recognize from one end of the Globe to the other. In these things there can be no improvement, they are not subject to the laws of change which more or less effect every other Institution. We must transmit them as we received them for in this consists the vitality of Masonry. Alter this but a hairs breadth and the Order dies. It is the fire which is to burn in the Masonic world, until that Lodge not made with hands but immortal in the heavens shall reign supreme & time give place to Eternity.

How far I may have been successful in this effort, is not for me to declare, but I may be permitted to observe that the business of the Grand Lodge for the past Masonic Year exhibits uniformity, and gives evidence of increased usefulness & prosperity. A close observance of the rules laid down for its government, and those of the Subordinate Lodges has been exacted, and the dispensing power rarely exercised. The rights of the chair have been upheld & Subordination courteously but firmly enforced. In the manifestation of its power the Grand Lodge has ever exhibited paternal regard for the Lodges within her jurisdiction, and wherever she could with propriety respond to their requests for relief or safely gratify them in any matter of local arrangement she has done so. When however a sense of Justice to herself, or a due regard for the established principles of the Order has rendered a denial necessary, how ever unpleasant the task the duty has been performed. Experience has proven the Wisdom of former rules, and I shall not (unless convinced of their impolicy) be induced to alter them in the slightest particular.

While therefore, we should all be careful to observe the external forms of the Order, working upon the same plan and preserving the Material finish of our noble institution let us not forget that which may fairly be considered as its spiritual character & without which we should be only cherishing the shadow while utterly destitute of the substance of its design.

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Our Temple based upon Religion, is dedicated to Love & Charity. Here we bow (in humility) the knee to our God the Common father of all, the Supreme architect above in whom is every thing and without whom we are as dust & ashes. To those who put their trust in him we open the doors of our Mystery, and receive him as our brother by ties the most sacred and obligations deeply Solemn & impressive, and we so receive him, how important it is we should ever remember, that these ties and obligations can never be kept without the heart be wedded in Love & prone to charity. We can never permit (if in these respects we are sincerely impressed) our cold natures to sway us in our Masonic intercourse, while on the inside of the Lodge all should be kind and fraternal. When we go from it and mix in the active & tumultuous scenes of business life, there to we should not forget our duty to each other. The insiduous remark, the slanderous expression or the open assault should be forborne. If the engagement of the Brother be not an idle ceremony of unmeaning words, Masonry must be in the heart as well as on the lips, it must be practical as well as theoretical and he who does not feel its holy influences whatever outward observances he may exhibit, but deceives himself, he cannot deceive others or stand acquitted in his own concience. He may be a man but he cannot be a brother, the work of regeneration with him has been of no avail, he has not cast off as he should have done those passions and prejudices which we are taught to throw aside when we enter this Temple, whose essence is Faith, Love & Charity, Faith in God, love & charity to all, but more especially to those who hail under the banner of our Order. This like the oriflamme of old should inspire the reverence and secure the devotion of those who belive in its origin and are the true worshippers of the principles which called it into existance & have so far preserved it pure and unstained to be the admiration of man and the protected of Heaven. The Virtues of Masonry may be summed up in the words Love & Charity. These can never be found where there is no Faith, and wanting this what can we hope, combined they make the Mystic tie. The heart without guile, and the tongue which scorns deceit, are the types of the Sincere brother. In the language of a Shining light of the Order "Charity the bond of our Union and the governing principle of Masonry should for-

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bid us to attribute unworthy motives to such as think and act differently from ourselves, while love should prompt us to shield a brother's reputation from Scandal, and guard it as rigidly as we would our own. So acting each towards the other, the Lodge will exhibit as perfect harmony in its Mental action, as it displays of Symmetry in its Material proportions. Feelings of Mistrust will then diminish, discord cease to Mar your deliberations, and the danger of disunion be avoided.

It is only when we rise Superior to our Selfish motives, and curbe the rank passions of our natures, that we shew the ascendency of truth and the power of virtue, and prove that we have not invoked the sacred Oracles in Vain, that we have remembered and have obeyed their divine and Soul Subduing precepts. Let me then impress upon you Brethren the Culture of the kindlier feeling of the heart, so that ye may love one another in the Lodge and out of it, that envy, hatred, malice and all uncharitableness may be banished from among you, and your whole deportment shew how sweet it is to dwell together in amity. At the Grand Quarterly Communication in June last I took occasion to call your attention to the financial condition of the Grand Lodge and presented at the time a detailed statement of her means and liabilities which was printed and circulated among you.

A reference to this at any time will give all the information desirable on that head so that a repetition becomes unnecessary. I am happy to have it in my power to say that the favourable anticipations then entertained of an increase in our revenue have been more than realized and we have reason to congratulate ourselves upon the flattering aspect of affairs.

A table of the receipts and payments for the Year ending the 27th inst. will make this manifest.

The balance on hand Decr. 31, 1845 was, . . .		$1966.02
Receipts to Decr. 27, 1846, for		
Dues and Rents L. and C., . . .	$4543.50	
For 4 Warrants a 81$ ea., . . .	" 324.00	
" Dispensations, Certificates, &c., from G. Secy.	$ 415.50	
" Dist. D. G. Masters, . . .	$ 237.59	

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For Rent 3d Hall, ...	$ 428.75	
" do. Chestnut St. Hall old Bal., .	$ 708.33	
" do. from Mr. Peale, ...	"2632.75	
" Gain by changing Insurance of Chest. St. Hall, ...	" 237.00	$9527.42
		$11493.44

Payments for same period & for the purchase of Masonic Loan.

Interest, ...	$5272.27	
Expenses, including Taxes, Gas, Water Rent, incidental expenses, Fuel Repairs, Salaries, &c., ...	$2230.60	$7,502.87
Bal. in the hands of Treasurer, ...		$3,990.57

The change in the Policies of Insurance became necessary under a resolution of the Grand Lodge, because the companies issuing them refused to permit certain buildings to be erected in front of the Old Hall. The amount returned was $1445, while that paid for effecting New Insurance elsewhere was but $1208, thus saving $237 by the operation. In the Statement to which I have referred, and which was presented to your Committee in June last, I estimated the receipts for the past Year at 7885.28. The above table shews them to have reached

the Sum of, ...	$9527.42
but in as much as the Saving of Insurance & payments in advance by Lodges No. 3, 45, 138, 152 & 190 are included they ought to be deducted in order to get at the true income, they amount to,	$ 771.00
True Income, ...	$8756.42
As Estimated, ...	$7885.28
Excess over Estimate, ...	871.14

In the Sum $5272.27 one of the items of expenditure is included the Sum of $1000 being so much invested in our Loans & applied to the Sinking Fund, reducing our debt that amount.

The expenses for the same period were estimated at,	$6812.38
They have amounted to, ...	$7502.87
Deduct however the Sinking Fund, ...	$1000.00
and it leaves for actual expenses, ...	$6502.00
Less than the Estimate, ...	309.51

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If to this be added the extra expenses of fitting up the Chapter Room, not then taken into consideration, ... 300.00

You have again upon the Expend. of, ... 609.51

I underestimated the receipts nearly $900 and largely overestimated the payments.

This is truly gratifying and the like state of affairs may be looked for the coming Year. The Grand Lodge is in a Safe and improving condition. I have endeavoured so to exhibit her financial affairs as to enable every brother to understand them. If he does so he will discover much to rejoice in, and permit the quiet and simple action which has produced these results to remain undisturbed.

All the Subordinate City Lodges have with great punctuality discharged their dues to the Grand Lodge for the past Year.

The like attention has been exhibited by all the chapters and Mark Lodge with the exception of Chapter No. 52. The Country Lodges have not been unmindful of their duty to the parent Lodge there being but one in arrears over two Years, the others nearly all paid up, the balance remaining dues being of a trifling amount. Such conduct is highly commendable and it gives me real pleasure to bring it to your notice.

In connexion with the subject of future income I may mention that a most Judicious arrangement has been made for improvements in front of the old Hall in Chestnut Street, in the erection of four very handsome and commodious stores without expense to the Grand Lodge. The party Building them to receive the rent for Three Years from their Completion, after which they are to be for the benefit of the present lessee of the Old Hall to the end of his lease when they become our property. These stores are being rapidly Completed and when finished will not only be an ornament to the Street and Hall but in time prove a source of profit & add greatly to the revenue.

The increased receipts from this source it is supposed will amount to at least Two Thousand Dollars per annum. A wide and amply sufficient approach from the Street is reserved

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to the Main building, and it is now as available for all purposes of business and occupancy as it was before the alterations were made. In the course of my administrations of the affairs of the Grand Lodge I have had occasion to notice the frequent applications which were made to dispense with the ordinary rules for the purpose of individual accomodation. To these I have uniformly opposed a Stern denial, and shall continue to do so for the balance of my career as your Grand Master. The dispensing power ought never to be exercised except in cases of great emergency, such as sudden & unexpected departures from the country and when the end desired is calculated to work benefit to the Order, and more good is likely to flow from the act itself, than evil in the example set.

The wholesome usages of the craft must be regarded as paramount, and great indeed should be the necessity which can justify a departure from them. General principles should not be slighted for isolated cases, and those who love the Order and consider its land marks as sacred will be slow to originate and backward in urging any innovation upon its honord and ancient customs.

It may not be considered amiss to remind you how necessary it is for the union of the Craft within, and its honor without the Temple that you should be careful in your discourse among strangers about the doings of the Lodge. Great Mischief is sometimes caused by idle disputations before those from whom all knowledge of the concerns of the Brotherhood should be carefully kept. In this, in the language of Masonry "You are to act as becomes moral and wise men." Do nothing to excite a prejudice in the minds of Strangers, or create distrust among yourselves, and let the world see in your practices, that you neglect neither your business, nor your families, for this Masonry requires of no brother. It is only by attending carefully & honestly to the one, and providing amply and affectionately for the others that you give proof that you are entitled to be looked upon as a worthy Member of the fraternity. Be just in your dealings with the world and to each other & forget not your obligations to the Lodges of which you are members. In each a strict observance to the Constitution & By Laws should be enforced. Licensed evasions of them are

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productive of evil consequences. They encourage disengenuousness & end in disgrace and it would be better far better to erase a regulation from your code, than permit it to remain to be violated with impunity. In this respect I know of no more objectionable practice than that of taking due bills for dues, it is an unmasonic, a violation of your by laws and should be discontinued. The effect of it is still further to involve a brother in difficulty, and in the long run hopelessly embarrass him in his accounts with the Lodge. At all times attentive to the business of your own Lodge carefully promoting its interests, character and usefulness, you should be especially mindful of the manner in which you conduct yourselves towards the other branches of the fraternity. In your visits to them the utmost decorum should be exhibited, & all unseemly and impertinent intermeddling scrupulously avoided. Nothing is so apt to give offence as the disposition to pry into the business of other Lodges & make their proceedings the Subject of remark or censure.

The brethren when visiting should give their serious attention to the labours of the Lodge, eschewing private Committees and uncharitable conversation. They should keep in the body of the Lodge remaining no unnecessary time in the Tyler's room, it should be free from interruption as candidates for admission must of necessity wait there, and should have no thoughtless remark or ill timed deportment to attract attention, and unfit their minds for the imposing ceremonies they are about to witness.

From the interior of the state the intelligence received is very gratifying. A new spirit seems to have been aroused and a more than ordinary Zeal manifested among the brethren in the various Districts. Reports have been received from the D. D. G. Masters, Bro^{s}. Benj^{n}. Park, W^{m}. B. Potts, C. P. Gummert, G. C. Welker, Henry Pettibone, R. Moderwell & S. Houston of a highly satisfactory kind. These officers have shewn the proper attention in the discharge of the duties assigned them & merit notice and thanks. I have not deemed it advisable to depart from the principle established by the Grand Lodge (June 1, 1846) that a district should not consist of a less number than 5 Lodges altho' I have been applied to

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for the appointment of a Deputy G. M. at Pittsburg. While I admit the pleasing evidences of the growth of the order in this portion of our Jurisdiction, I am not convinced of the necessity of departing from a general rule arrived at after much deliberation and grave reflection. Our friends there will perceive that altho this may for a time interfere with their wishes yet the general good of the Order is first to be Consulted. They will not be long in arriving at the conclusion that a proper limit as to the districts is absolutely necessary for the prosperity of the craft, its dignity and a wise administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge. The reasons assigned in my former address for declining the appointment still continue in their full force. A sense of duty compels me to maintain my original position on this question. Here as in other matters consistancy is desirable. Principle is not to be sacrificed for fear of giving offence. In doing what is right we shall have no cause of regret, nor leave room for reproaches hereafter. The authority and power of the Grand Lodge I will firmly but respectfully enforce and hope to surrender them at least unimpaired to the body from whom I received them, if I shall have done nothing to establish them more firmly in the confidence and hearts of the brotherhood throughout our masonic Jurisdiction.

In my inaugural address I took occasion to call your attention to the means which the never to be forgotten generosity of our deceased brother Girard had placed at the disposal of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of benevolence and Charity. I looked forward with emotions of pride and pleasure to the great good which might spring from a judicious distribution of the Fund he had consecrated and now call your attention to it, well knowing that you will in common with me rejoice in the result and still more deeply cherish the memory of our departed brother. During the past Masonic year liberal relief has been extended to no less than 76 poor and respectable Masons. The distribution of the blessings of this noble charity was not of a local or confined character. They have been as widely diffused as the philanthrophy which prompted the bequest was broad and liberal. The Sum of $1529.50 in all has been paid by the Stewards to the different applicants after a careful examination and it was divided as follows:

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To 16 Brethren from foreign Lodges who in all probability will not again apply, . . .	$ 224.50
" 5 hailing from foreign Lodges who may apply again, ...	" 90.00
" 50 hailing from Lodges in Penns[a]. who may apply Again, ...	"1118.00
" 4 hailing from Lodges in Penns. who have paid the debt of Nature, ...	90.00
75.	$1522.50

What a noble spectacle is thus exhibited what suffering and sorrow have been comforted and releived by this liberal outlay, and how must the Order rise in the estimation of the just and benevolent when they see such rich fruit springing from its teachings & duties. Charity here is something more than a name. It goes forth to visit the chamber of the sick with healing upon its wings, or to bring peace to the pillow of the dying brother, and smooth his passage to the land which is "far awa." May we never tire in the good work but Mourn with them that Mourn and rejoice with them that do rejoice, and be approved in our pilgrimage here to the end that we may be accepted hereafter.

The duties of the Stewards are of an arduous character & faithfully performed.

Engaged in a work of such true humanity and so strictly in accordance with Masonic obligation the best reward they can have and must receive, will be the approbation of their own conciences.

The intercourse between this Grand Lodge and her Sister Lodges throughout the Union has been of the most agreeable character, and their several communications give evidence of the high state of the Craft in their respective Jurisdictions. The prospect of a representation of Grand Lodges in convention started some years since, appears to be on the decline and it is to be hoped for the good of the Order & its perpetuity that it will be permitted to sleep forever.

This Grand Lodge has mildly but uniformly and steadily refused to give it any countenance, and without any pretension to superior wisdom, she may well congratulate herself upon the safe and salutary course she adopted & which has

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been approved of by some of her Sisters. Abroad and at home within our Jurisdiction the evidence of the onward & upward progress of the Institution are abundant and cheering, the mists of prejudice have been scattered by the sun of Truth and Reason & Justice point to and approve of our course and add votaries to the schrine of Masonic Faith & Masonic Virtue, where is ever to be found displayed that great light of Masonry the Holy Bible, the only safe guide for Man.

In conclusion permit me not only to ask you to bear the admonitions so fraternally given, in mind, but to express a hope that you will be convinced of Masonic truth and force, and manifest this by conforming to the suggestions which I have deemed it advisable for the peace and harmony of all, the prosperity of the Lodge and the honor of the craft to submit to your consideration. Relying upon the wisdom and intelligence of the Brethren and confidently assured of their support and Co-operation in all measures which have a tendency to advance the character and promote the dignity of our time honored Institution, I approach the performance of my further duty with every feeling of delight and bright anticipations of a gratifying and happy termination of my labours under the directing hand of the Supreme Grand Master above who rules and sways for ever and ever.

General Returns from the following Lodges were received, read and ordered to be filed, viz:

No. 3, returns the rejection of M— N—, Auctioneer, and the Suspension of A— L—, G— J. F—, & J— D— for non payment of dues.

No. 9, Returns the Rejection as a Member of G— W. C—.

No. 45, At Pittsburg. Returns R— W— & N. C— as Rejected, and L— P. L—, S— C. C—, M. W. R—, G— S—, S. T. S—, J— R— & W— B— as Suspended for non payment of dues.

No. 52, Returns the Suspension of E— S. F—, T— W—, P— R. E—, A— G. H—, W— S—, W— C—, W— W. M— for non payment of dues.

No. 59, Returns G— W. S— as suspended for non payment of dues.

No. 71, Returns S— E—, J— F—, L— T— as suspended for non payment of dues.

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No. 91, No Suspension or Rejection.
" 121, Do. Do. Do.
" 125, returns C— K— & H— L— as suspended for non payment of dues.
" 134, No suspensions or Rejections.
" 138, Returns E— D. L— & W— P— as suspended for non payment of dues.
" 148, Returns D. B. M^{c}G— as suspended for Non payment of dues.
" 152, Returns T— W—, P— S—, G— K—, O— W. H— as suspended for non payment of dues.
" 186, returns the Expulsion of G— W. N— as unworthy of advancement & R— P. S— & S— R. F— as suspended for non payment of dues.
" 187, Returns F— C—, L. L—, C— D—, J— R. M^{c}G—, C— A. C—, W— R. B—, J— M^{c}C—, T— B. M—, P— M—.
" 221, at Pittsburg, no suspensions or rejections. A Copy of the By Laws was also presented and referred to the Committee on By Laws, Examination & Report.

Communications from the following Grand Lodges were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence, viz: from Rhode Island, Ohio & Tennessee, also the October & December No$^{s.}$ of the Masonic Mirror.

A return was received from Bro. W$^{m.}$ B. Potts, D. D. G. Master, shewing the Organization of Lodge No. 222, at Minersville, Penns$^{a.,}$ and the Installation of Officers on the 19th Day of Dec$^{r.,}$ A. L. 5846, which was ordered to be filed.

On Motion of Bro. Jn$^{o.}$ W. M^{c}Grath and Seconded, by Bro. Tho$^{s.}$ B. Florence It was Unanimously "Resolved,"

That the R$^{t.}$ W. Grand Master be respectfully requested to furnish a Copy of the Address just delivered and that the Committee on Publications be directed to have a sufficient number of copies printed together with the Officers Elected and appointments made this day for circulation amongst the members and Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at ¼ past 12 in the Morning.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

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Monday, March 1st, 1847, A. L. 5847.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	Jas. Page,	Rt. W. Grd. Master.
"	A. Bournonville,	" " Sr. G. Warden.
"	Jno. W. McGrath,	" " Jr. G. W., P. T.
"	John Thomson,	" " G. Treasr.
"	Wm. H. Adams,	" " G. Secy.
"	E. H. Butler,	Dep. G. do.
"	E. P. Lescure,	Sr. G. Deacon.
"	G. D. Haswell,	Jr. G. Deacon.
"	Henry G. Smith,	G. Marshal.
"	Jacob Steiner,	G. S. Bearer.
"	Robt. McCulloch,	G. Pursuivant.
"	Wm. Barger,	P. G. Master.

Lodges Represented.

No. 2, Gumple, McGuire.
" 3, Page, Heysham, Skerritt, Desilver, Robinson, King, Dorriss, McKaraher, Thomson, Florence, Steelwagon, Martin.
" 9, Kelly.
" 19, Haswell, Hines, Hodges, Reynolds, Bradley, Smith, Patton.
" 51, Thomason, Workman, Israel, Bouvier, Green.
" 52, Dorf.
" 59, Adams, Barrington, Davenport, Middleton, Chalmers.
" 67, Conrad, Simpson, Smith, Jas Hutchinson.
" 71, Elfelt, M. Hyneman, Meyers, Golden.
" 72, Thompson, Barger, Chase, West, Peacock.
" 91, Casey, Henniss, Hart.
" 114, Thomson, Benner, Sharp, Williams, Kelly, Baxter.
" 115, Diamond, Heimberger.
" 121, Fraser, Poulson Jr.
" 125, Bournonville, Steiner, Kederlin.
" 130, Lescure, McGrath, Sleeper, Shultz, Easby, J. B. Chandler.
" 134, McCulloch, Batten, Hart, Williamson, Phillips.
" 155, Martin, Abrahams, Bacon, Allen, Collins.

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No. 158, Jones, Shields, Sinn, Roberts, Oliver.
" 186, Russell, Horner.
" 187, Wallace, Hilt, Rittenhouse, Albright.
" 211, Cartwright.
Proxies, W^m H. Adams 82, 108, 138, 199, W^m Barger 43 & 164, Ja^s Page 190, Jn^o Thomson 218, J. A. Phillips 221.

31 Lodges Represented, the Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at ¼ past 6 O'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of quarterly Grand Communication Dec^r. 7^th. 1846, were read and adopted.

The Minutes of the Annual Grand Communication Monday, Dec^r. 28, 1846, were read and adopted.

A Communication was received from Perseverance Lodge, N^o. 21, at Harrisburg, appointing Bro. W^m. English Proxy of said Lodge.

On Motion Bro. W^m. English was recognized as Proxy of Lodge N^o. 21.

A Communication was received from Lodge N^o. 106, at Williamsport, Lycoming County, Pa., appointing Bro. W^m. English proxy of said Lodge.

On motion Bro. W^m. English was recognized as proxy of Lodge No. 106.

The R^t. W. Grand Master stated that on Monday, February 1^st. 1847, he proceeded to Phoenixville, Penns^a., accompanied by the Grand Officers and Several of the Brethren and reorganized Lodge N^o. 75 and Installed the Officers.

The Grand Secretary being requested read the Minutes of the proceedings as follows:

Special Communication held in Phoenixville, Monday, Feb^y. 1^st. 1847.

Present Officers and Members.

Bro^s. Ja^s. Page, R^t. W. G. Master; W^m. Barger, R^t. W. P. G. M. as Dep^y. G. M., P. T.; Anthony Bournonville, S^r. G. W.; George Griscom, J^r. G. W.; C. C. Williams, S^r. G. Deacon; W^m. W. Thomson, J^r. G. D.; John Thomson, G. T.; W^m. H. Adams, G. Sec^y.; George Haswell, D. G. S.; Henry G. Smith, Grand Marshal; Jacob Steiner, G. S. Bearer; Rob^t. M^cCulloch, G. Pursuivant; W^m. B. Schnider, G. Tyler.

Bro^s. Richards, Cornman & Powel of Lodge N^o. 190.

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Visitors.

Bro^{s} Phelan, Bush, Clark, Serbeit, Hirst, Kaufman, Falforth, Winters of Lodge N^{o} 190, Stouts of Lodge N^{o} 62, Shultz of Lodge N^{o} 130.

A M. M. Lodge opened in Ancient form at 12 O'c., M.

The R^{t} W. G. Master stated the object of his visit to be the reorganization of Lodge N^{o} 75 and to Install the officers.

The Officers chosen were presented to the R^{t} W. G. Master & the Brethren remaining satisfied with their choice they were duly installed in ancient form as follows:

Bro. Major M^{c}Veigh as Worshipful Master in the presence of the Past Masters only.

Bro^{s} G. C. Nichols was Installed as S^{r} W., Jn^{o} Hamor as J^{r} W., Jn^{o} Vanderslice as Treas^{r}., Jacob Rossetter as Sec^{y}.

After an interchange of much good feeling the Lodge closed in Harmony at half past One O'clock, P. M.

Wm. H. Adams, Sec^{y}.

A Communication was received from Bro. W^{m} Glenn asking for a remission of $19.75 the Amount Standing against him on the Books of the late Lodge N^{o} 165 at Pittsburg.

Which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A Petition was received and read from Bro. George Rockenburg asking for a remission of $29.50 amount of unpaid dues standing against him on the Books of the late Lodge No. 131, which was also referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Application was received & read for the revival of Lodge N^{o} 172, at Lebanon, & referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An application was received & read for the revival of Lodge No. 70, at Athens, Bradford County, Penns., which was also referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The following Communication from the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund was received, read & ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, viz:

Special Meeting of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund held at the Masonic Hall, So. 3^{d} S^{t}., on Thursday Evening, Jan^{y} 7, 1847.

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Present: Bro$^{s.}$ Jacob Steiner, Gavin Watson, Ja$^{s.}$ Hickey, Ja$^{s.}$ E. Richardson, Ja$^{s.}$ Simpson, Jn$^{o.}$ Thomas, Jn$^{o.}$ Allen, Rich$^{d.}$ Vaux, Michael Bouvier, Ab$^{m.}$ West, Jn$^{o.}$ D. Moore, E. P. Lescure, Ja$^{s.}$ Kelly, W$^{m.}$ W. Thomson, Edm$^{d.}$ Barrington, W$^{m.}$ B. Schnider, Jn$^{o.}$ Thomson, Treas. and W$^{m.}$ H. Adams, Sec$^{y.}$

On Motion Bro. Edm$^{d.}$ Barrington took the chair.

The object of the Meeting being stated Bro$^{s.}$ Jn$^{o.}$ D. Moore, Richard Vaux & Michael Bouvier were appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the Stewards on the death of Robinson R. Moore late President, who reported the following.

Whereas, the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund have received inteligence of the Death of Bro. R. R. Moore President of this body.

Therefore Resolved, that the board of Stewards deeply impressed with this sudden and Melencholy visitation of divine Providence bow in reverant submission to this afflicting dispensation.

Resolved, that the board of Stewards in unison with their unanimous sentiment bear testimony to the purity of character, strict Masonic Standing & unoffending & Benevolent Character of their departed President.

Resolved, that the Stewards in token of their respect for Bro. Moore will attend the Funeral in a body & that they wear the usual badge of Mourning for 30 days.

Resolved, that these resolutions be enrolled on the minutes of the Board of Stewards and a Copy presented to the R$^{t.}$ W. G. Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$ and a Copy to be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

Extract from the minutes of the Stewards.

W$^{m.}$ H. Adams, Sec$^{y.}$

A Communication was received from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 203 in Lewistown, Penns$^{a.}$ asking for an alteration to the By Laws of said Lodge which was referred to the Committee on By Laws.

The Committee on By Laws made the following Report which was adopted, viz: To the R$^{t.}$ W. Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

The undersigned Committee on By Laws respectfully report, that they have examined the By Laws of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 221, at Pittsburg, and recommend their approval.

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They have also examined the Amendment asked for by Lodge N°. 203, at Lewistown, Pa., and recommend the approval thereof.

Respectfully Submitted.
Signed. Wm. H. Adams,
Jas. Hutchinson, Committee.

Mar. 1, 1847.

The following Communication was received, read and referred to Cumberland Star Lodge, at Carlisle, Penns$^{a.}$ for Explanation, viz:

Carlisle, Penns$^{a.}$ Jany. 19th, 1847.

To the R$^{t.}$ W. G. L. of Penns$^{a.}$

Sir and Bros.

I most respectfully represent to your honourable body that in the Year 1824 I had the pleasure & honor among others in applying to the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$ for the Warrant of Cumberland Star Lodge, N°. 197, and which Warrant was intrusted to me as first Worshipful Master in which situation I served for two Years, when another was Elected and the Lodge continued to flourish until the great antimasonic excitement bore down upon it when some of the Brethren thought proper & in 1837 they closed the Lodge. In 1843 application was again made by me and others to the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$ to renew the labours of the C. S. Lodge whereupon a Committee of the G. L. was appointed to enquire and consider the application which committee reported favourable of the application & all the applicants except three of whom I was one, that my case was held over for an apology or explanation in consequence of a statement made in a letter in 1839 by Bro. S. Elliot of Carlisle. So soon as that fact was made known to me I met as I usually did the Brethren & joint applicants including the three proposed and afterwards installed W. M. Jacob Squires to whom and in the presence of other Brethren I made a full & as I thought satisfactory Statement in explanation of all the matter spoken of or alluding to me in Bro. Elliots Letter, which explanation I thought would have been so reported to the Com$^{e.}$ of the G. Lodge by Bro. Squires. But it Seems no action was ever had on it and so the matter has rested until recently when I was induced to visit C. S. Lodge but to

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my astonishment & Mortification was peremptorially refused to do so by the W. M. Bro. Squires to which refusal I made my respectful but solemn protest in as much as I was neither expelled or suspended nor knew no reason why I should be either & that I considered the proceedings unprecedented, unjustifiable & the grossest injustice to me. Consequently I make this communication & appeal to the Grand Lodge with a view that Justice may be done me for I have been a mason in full standing for upwards of thirty Years & now for the first time have got into this difficulty, which I have borne for some time without a murmur knowing myself clear of any just reflections, but the time has come when longer silence on my part will cease to be a virtue. I deem it proper to say that I am willing the matter should be left to the C. S. Lodge, provided some other Bro. is sent here to take the chair as things are certainly not without warm feelings. I therefore most respectfully recommend that the D. D. G. M., Bro. Park, who I believe lives in Harrisburg, be instructd to attend to it as W. M. and that the investigation take place in Carlisle where all the circumstances transpired and where it can be attended to with much less expense than at any other place. All of which is respectfully submitted by.

Yours fraternally,
Signed. Willis Foulke.

The following Report was received and ordered to be filed, viz:

To the R^t. W. Gr^d. Lodge of Penns^a.

The undersigned Committee on Publications beg leave to report, That in compliance with the Resolution of the R^t. W. G. Lodge adopted on S^t. Johns day last they employed Bro. Tho^s. S. Manning to Print in Pamphlet form Five Hundred Copies of the Address of the R^t. W. G. Master delivered on that day which have been completed and deposited with the R^t. W. G. Secretary for distribution agreeably to the Resolution.

All of which is respectfully Submitted by
Signed. E. P. Lescure,
Joshua Mitchell, Committee.

Mar. 1, 1847.

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The following Report from the Hall Committee was received, read & ordered to be filed, viz:

To the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

The Hall Committee Report that since their last communication nothing has taken place more than the ordinary attendance of the committee at the Hall. This being the last report for the present Year the Com$^{e.}$ take pleasure in stating that the Apartments in the Hall continue occupied as heretofore & the rents punctually paid.

They have passed bills for the Year ending on the 27th of Dec$^{r.}$ 1846, for $\$972\frac{47}{100}$.

Fitting up the Royal Arch Chapter Room & Tylers Room, $\$301\frac{76}{100}$.

Collected Rents amounting to $\$428\frac{75}{100}$ and paid the same over to the G. Treas.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

Signed. Cha$^{s.}$ M^{c}Karaher,
Jn$^{o.}$ C. Smith, Committee.

Dec$^{r.}$ 27, 1846.

The following Report was received and read and ordered to be filed, viz:

To the R$^{t.}$ W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report that they have carefully examined the foreign Communications submitted to them by the R$^{t.}$ W. G. Secretary from the following Grand Lodges, to wit: The G. L. of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Maryland, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Kentuckey, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa & Wisconsin & it affords them much pleasure in stating that while there is no matter presenting calling for Special action of this Grand Lodge, the Craft throughout the Union appear to be highly prosperous & progressive condition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. D. C. Skerritt,
Jn$^{o.}$ W. M^{c}Grath,
Jacob F. Hahulan, Committee.

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A return was received and read shewing the Organization of the New Lodge N°. 220, at Hollidaysburg, Blair County, Penns., and the installation of the officers on the 3rd day of December, 1846.

Which was ordered to be filed.

Communications from the following Grand Lodges were received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence, viz:

Grand Lodge of Illinois, North Carolina, Georgia, Missouri, Virginia, Vermont.

Also N°. 11 of the Masonic Mirror organ of the Grand Lodge of Kentuckey.

The following Communication was received, read & ordered to be filed, viz:

R^t. W. Sir & Bro.,

In compliance with the instructions and directions of the Worshipful M. of Lodge N°. 3, I respectfully Tender you, to the Officers & Members of the R^t. W. G. L. of Penns^a. an invitation to attend the Stated Meeting of Lodge N°. 3 on Tuesday Evening, March the 16th. 1847, on which occasion P. G. M., Bro. J. R. Chandler, will deliver an Eulogy on the life and character of our late Brother & fellow Member R. R. Moore.

Fraternally, &c.,

Signed. W. M. Martin,

Sec^y. N°. 3.

To Bro. James Page, Esq^r.,
R^t. W. Grand Master
of the
Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

General Returns were received, read and ordered to be filed from the following subordinate Lodges, viz:

Lodge N°. 2. J. W. E— rejected for Membership. J— P— Suspended for N. P. of dues.

" N°. 21, At Harrisburg. No Suspensions or Expulsion, Reinstatements or Rejections.

Lodge N°. 22, At Sunbury. No S., E., R. or Rejections.

Lodge N°. 43, At Lancaster. Returns S— E— a Trader, Rejected. No Suspensions or Expulsions.

Lodge No. 51. No Expulsions or Rejection. W— T. B—, Susp^d. for N. p. of D.

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Lodge No. 60. No Suspensions, Expulsions or rejections.

Lodge N°. 62. Returns M— B—, H— B—, J— S. L—, Rev^d. S— A—, H. J. B—, S— H—, E— C. M—, J— H—, Suspended for Non payment of dues. Henry Miller, George Drenkle, Henry High as reinstated. H— A. M. F—, Machinist, J— A—, Tobacconist, D— L—, Butcher, J— G—, Merchant Taylor, J— F—, Miller, P— F. H—, Labourer, J— F—, Blacksmith, J— H—, Blacksmith, Rejected.

Lodge N°. 67. Returns Jacob Laudenslager, Theadore Evans, Ge°. Gideon, Martin Dohlman, Reinstated. No Suspensions, Expulsions or rejections.

Lodge Number 72, Returns C— J—, J— M—, R— H—, T— C—, I— R. D—, Suspended for Non payment of dues. No Expulsions or Rejections.

Lodge N°. 81, Germantown.

" " 106, at Williamsport. No S., E., R. or Reinstatements.

Lodge N°. 108, Towanda. No Suspensions or Expulsions.

Lodge N°. 114, Returns R— W— & T— S. S—, Susp. for N. P. of Dues.

Lodge N°. 115, Returns J— M^cN— & I— S—, Susp^d. for N. P. of dues.

Lodge N°. 130, Returns S— S. J—, Susp^d. for non pay^t. of dues.

Lodge N°. 144, at Lewisburg. No Susp^s. or Expulsions.

Lodge No. 153, at Waynesburg. Returns A. G. D—, S., N. P. D.

Lodge No. 155, Returns S— W—, G— M. S—, H— E. J—, F— V—, Susp^d. for N. p. d.

Lodge No. 158, Returns N— M—, O— E—, D— D— as Susp^d. for non pay^t. of dues.

Lodge N°. 163, at Monroton. No Suspensions or Expulsions.

" " 194, at Selinsgrove. Returns H— C. E—, J— A— as Susp^d. for N. P. of Dues.

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Lodge N°. 197, at Carlisle. Returns I— A— as Susp^d. N. p. of dues.

" " 199, at Lock Haven. No Suspensions, Rejections or Expulsions.

" " 203, at Lewistown. No Susp^ns., Expulsions or Rejections.

" " 211, Kensington. Returns J— M—, J— F— and W— R— as Susp^d. for Non pay^t. of dues.

" " 216, at Pottsville. Returns John Silver, Daniel D. Haas, Henry Jenkins, Lewis Heilner as Reinstated. C— E— as suspended for N. p. of dues.

The following preamble and Resolution was adopted, viz:

Whereas, the owners or proprietors of the Washington House on Chestnut Street have constructed windows on the West Side of Said Hotel opening on the property of this Grand Lodge without having obtained consent for said privilege and whereas the rights of the Grand Lodge will suffer material injury if they are not secured in the undisturbed possession of their proportion of said party wall.

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Trustees of the Chestnut Street Hall be directed to make such arrangements with the owners or proprietors of Washington Hall as will secure the Grand Lodge against any innovation or infringement on its rights or privileges in regard to said party wall separating the two properties.

And in case the said owners or proprietors of said Hall refuse to enter into a satisfactory arrangement in the premises.

Then the Trustees are directed to have the Windows opened on Said party wall closed.

The R^t. W. Grand Master stated to the Grand Lodge that a fire had occured in the adjoining building to the South (The Mansion House) at an early hour in the morning and for a time the entire destruction of the Hall was apprehended but that through the active exertions of a number of the brethren the progress of the flames was stayed & but little if any damage had been done to the building. Whereupon on motion to that effect a Resolution of Thanks to such brethren was unanimously passed by the Grand Lodge.

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On Motion of Bro. Thomas B. Florence and duly Seconded, the following Resolution was adopted, viz: Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to the Firemen of the City & County of Phil[a]. for their prompt persevering and manly exertions in arresting the progress of the Flames at the Fire at the Mansion House, So. 3[rd] S[t]. thereby Saving this Hall from destruction.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Grand Secretary was directed to have the Resolution just passed published in the daily papers.

The following Resolution was offered by bro. Jno. C. Smith and Seconded by Bro. Jo[s]. H. Israel and lost.

Resolved, that the trustees of the Girard Bequest be and are hereby directed to Sell One hundred & two shares of Farmers & Mechanics Bank Stock, Three shares Kensington Bank Stock & two Shares Penns[a]. and invest the proceeds in Six per ct. Masonic Loan or other Securities of the G. Lodge.

Bro. John Thomson the Grand Treasurer called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that Mr. E. Peel was in arrears of Rent on the Chestnut St. Hall over $2200 and Submitted the same for their consideration.

When the R[t]. W. G. Master read the following Communication from Mr. Peel and his reply thereto, viz:

Phil., Mar. 1[st]. 1847.

Col. James Page,

D[r]. Sir,

In reply to your note of Saturday I am sorry to say it will not be in my power to comply with your request to day. but I pledge myself to do much in the course of the month the prospect of which I intimated to your Respected Grand Treasurer.

In your Grand Lodge I am almost a Stranger and must submit in silence to any course you may seem fit to adopt, yet at the same time I would respectfully ask the attention of the Grand Lodge to the Situation of the building prior to my lease compared with what it is at present time then ask whether I have not enhansed the value of the property five times the Sum that I am indebted to you.

To render the Building tenantable for the purposes for which I leased it. I was compelled to expend upwards of *Two*

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Thousand dollars a large portion of which was expended in cleaning, painting and removing a collection of dirt of Ten Years Standing, together with many necessary repairs. Upon representing the condition of the building to you after my having leased it you *told me to go on & do all* that was required & the Grand Lodge would bear a portion of the expenses.

At the time of leasing the property I was told the Gas arrangements were complete & in order but scarcely one month after before the whole was condemned thereby causing me an additional expense of $500 or 600$.

These circumstances in connection with the injury that my business necessarily suffered during the erection of the Stores in front of the Hall should at least entitle me to the consideration of your meeting. Very respect. Yours,

Signed. Ed. Peale.

Dear Sir, March 1st. 1849.

There is one part of your communication which I must promptly contradict and that is so much of it as Says "That I told you to go on and do all that was required in the way of putting the building in order and that the Grand Lodge would bear a portion of the expenses."

I never told you any such thing nor gave you any such assurance you had your lease & knew its conditions. I never held any conversation with you upon the subject of the repairs, but I recollect once when you were complaining of the great hardships under which you were labouring, that I said I did not doubt if you made a proper representation to the Grand Lodge they would do all that was equitable and right in the matter, beyond this I never uttered even an opinion, much less give you authority or assurances, for I had no power to do either.

Respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

To Edw. Peale. J. Page.

On Motion of Bro. George Griscom and duly Seconded, it was Resolved, That the Grand Officers (in whose charge the Subject now is) be requested to institute immediately measures for the recovery from Mr. E. Peale of the Amount of Rent now due by him or sufficient security therefor and in case neither shall be at once obtained to proceed without delay by legal process to enforce its payment.

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On Motion the following Visitors were admitted "viz": Elias Dickens N° 9, George Henington N° 19, Jo^{s} M. Johnson N° 19, Thomas A. Wright, Jo^{s} M. Cardeza N° 51, Samuel Garrett N° 59, P. De Young, Tho^{s} Thorp, A. D. Curran N° 71, Ja^{s} Armstrong N° 81, Ge^{o} H. Hare N° 91, W^{m} Tague N° 91, Jo^{s} Glenat N° 115, F. De La Custa N° 121, Ja^{s} O. Breeding, N° 186, George Kane 158, Ja^{s} Jordan, Henry Wilkinson N° 187, Ab^{n} Morris, Philip Ross N° 221, W^{m} H. Pearson N° 19, Vir., John King N° 50, Athens, Tenn. Dan^{l} H. Murphy N° 71, Ripley, Ohio, Isaac Williamson N° 138, Ky. Ja^{s} Gwyn N° 719, Ireland.

Grand Lodge Closed in harmony at 9½ O'Clock, P. M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

PHIL., June 7th, 1847, A. L. 5847.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	James Page,	R^{t}. W. Grand Master.
"	Ja^{s}. Hutchinson,	" " D. G. M., P. Tem.
"	W^{m}. Whitney,	" " S^{r}. G. Warden.
"	A. Bournonville,	" " J^{r}. G. Warden.
"	John Thomson,	" " G. Treasurer.
"	W^{m}. H. Adams,	" " G. Secretary.
"	E. H. Butler,	" " D. G. Sec^{y}.
"	Peter Williamson,	S^{r}. G. Deacon.
"	C. C. Williams,	" Pursuivant.
"	Jacob Steiner,	J^{r}. G. Deacon.
"	Rob^{t}. M^{c}Culloch,	Grand Sword Bearer.
"	Peter Van Pelt, E. S. Ely & Samuel Moorehouse,	Grand Chaplains.
"	William Barger,	R^{t}. W. P. G. Master.

Lodges Represented.

N° 3, Martin, Skerritt, Page, Thomson, Steelwagen, Desilver, Dorriss.
" 9, Kelly.
" 19, Griscom, Hodges, Haswell, Hines, Thornley.

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N° 45, M^c^Cammon.
" 51, Thomson, Green, Israel, Whitney, Workman.
" 52, Dorf.
" 59, Adams, Gandy.
" 67, Ja^s^ Hutchinson, Ward, Smith, Van Osten, Simpson, Weeks, Russ.
" 71, Meyers, M. & L. Hyneman, Golden, Frismuth, Phillips, Horner, Van Collum.
" 72, Williams, Chase, Grigg, Barger, West.
" 91, Henniss, Hart, Chandler.
" 114, Thomson, Sharp, Kelly, Bruner.
" 115, Diamond, Heimberger, Dougherty, M^c^Cloud, Hibbs.
" 121, Fraser.
" 125, Bournonville, Steiner.
" 130, M^c^Grath, Shultz, Easby, Lescure.
" 134, Hart, M^c^Culloch, Butler, Williamson.
" 155, Martin.
" 158, Jones.
" 186, Horner.
" 187, Albright, Hilt, Hickey, Loeser, Coates.
" 211, Cartwright, Page, Singleton.
Proxies, Whitney, N° 22, Barger 43 & 164, L. Hyneman 45, Adams 82, 108, 136, 199, Page 190, J. Thomson 218, Simpson 163, L. Hyneman 222.

Thirty four Lodges Represented, Grand Lodge opened in Ancient form at 7¼ O clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication March 1^st.^ 1847, were read and adopted.

General Returns were received from the following Lodges, read and ordered to be entered and filed.

Lodge No. 19, No Sus., Expul. or Rejections.
Lodge No. 61, at Wilkesbarre. No Susp., Expul. or Rejections.
Lodge N°. 135, at Manayunk. No Sus., Expul. or Rejection.
Lodge N°. 143, at Chambersburg. Returns G— V—, a Farmer, & A— N—, Saw Maker, as rejected. No Sus. or Expul.
Lodge No. 219, returns J. H. S— C— as rejected.

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Printed proceedings were received from the following Grand Lodges and referred to the Committee of correspondence, viz:

Grand Lodge of Maryland, Florida, South Carolina, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Alabama, Missouri, Mississippi.

The March and April Number of the Masonic Mirror for 1847.

The By Laws of Lodges N$^{o.}$ 71, 75, 134, 194, 220 And 222, also Alterations in By Laws of Lodges N$^{o.}$ 19 & 197 were received and referred to the Committee on By Laws.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 163, at Monroton, Bradford County, Penns$^{a.}$ appointing Bro. Ja$^{s.}$ Simpson, a P. M. of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 67 their representative.

On Motion duly made and seconded, the Communication was received and Bro. Ja$^{s.}$ Simpson recognized as proxy for Said Lodge.

A Communication was received from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 3, accompanied with the 50 Copies of an Eulogy to which it referred delivered by Past Grand Master Bro. Jo$^{s.}$ R. Chandler on our late Bro. Robinson R. Moore for distribution amongst our Sister Grand Lodges.

On Motion the Communication was ordered to be filed and the Grand Secretary directed to distribute the Eulogy as requested by Lodge N$^{o.}$ 3.

The following Communication from the Grand Lodge of So. Carolina was received, read and ordered to be filed, "viz:"

Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of South Carolina.

Grand Secretarys Office.

Grand East of Charleston 12th of Ap$^{l.,}$ A. L. 5847.

Brethren,

At a special Comm$^{n.}$ of the Most Worshipful G. L. of A. Freemasons of So. Carolina, held at Masonic Hall, Charleston, on Friday Evening, 9th of April, 1847, the Grand Master gave notice to the Grand Lodge, that the W. M. of Walhalla Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 66, working in Charleston, under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, had surrendered the Warrant of Constitution of said Lodge into his hands, accompanied by a Communication from certain Officers and Members of said Lodge, protesting against the action of the Grand Lodge, and refusing to submit to its directions in relation to the restoration of F. Schneider & J. C. Blohme to Membership in said Lodge.

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Whereupon the following Preamble and resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge.

"Whereas," the Worshipful Master, Wardens and certain Members, being a Majority of Walhalla Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 66, have refused to submit to the mandate of this Grand Lodge, directing the restoration of F. Schneider and J. C. Blohme to Membership in said Lodge, and have surrendered the Warrant of constitution thereof, and whereas, a Minority of the Members have protested against the action of the Majority and applied for a dispensation to elect officers, and a return of the Warrant of constitution, therefore

1$^{st.}$ Resolved, That C. Brunner, W. M.; F. Meyer, S$^{r.}$ W.; D. A. Amme, J$^{r.}$ Warden, & J. J. Boesch, C. Meyer, Ch$^{s.}$ Noelkin, E. Vonduluth, J. W. Boesch, Jn$^{o.}$ C. Daurbaum, Carl Herling & N. Boesch, Members of Walhalla Lodge N$^{o.}$ 66, be suspended from all the rights & privileges of Masonry, until they acknowledge their error and submit to the authority of this Grand Lodge.

2$^{nd.}$ Resolved, That the Grand Master be directed to grant a dispensation to those worthy Brethren of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 66, who have made an application in due form for the same to enable them to Elect new Officers and to continue the Labours of the Lodge, provided they will conform in every respect to the ritual of the Ancient York rite as practised in this jurisdiction and that the Grand Master be authorized to return to them the warrant of constitution free from all expense whenever the Grand Lecturer shall certify that the ceremonies practised in the said Lodge are a correct transfer into the German Language of those practised under the authority of this Grand.

3$^{rd.}$ Resolved, That a Copy of these Resolutions be sent to all the Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction and to every Grand Lodge in correspondence with this Grand Lodge and that they be published in the different Masonic periodicals.

I have accordingly the honor of transmitting a Copy of these proceedings to the Officers and Members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$ for their information and government in the premises.

Remaining fraternally, &c.,
(Signed) Albert G. Mackey, M. D.,
G. S., G. Lodge of So. Carolina.

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The Grand Secretary Stated that by the direction of the R^t. W. Grand Master he had a number of the foregoing printed and furnished a Copy to each Subordinate Lodge under this Jurisdiction.

A Special Return was received from Lodge N^o. 148, at Northumberland, Pa., stating that Bro. John Cake an Expelled Mason was reinstated May 25^th. 1847, which on motion was ordered to be filed & the reinstatement approved or sanctioned.

A Communication was received signed by a Number of Brethren of Danville, Columbia County, Penns^a., Asking for the revival of Lodge N^o. 159, formerly held at that place nominating William Donaldson, W. M.; A. B. Wilson, S^r. W.; Jesse C. Horton, J^r. W.; also asking a remission of all dues & promising due obedience to all the requirements of the Grand Lodge.

Which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A Communication was received from Lodge N^o. 222, at Minersville, Pa., appointing Bro. Leon Hyneman, Proxy of said Lodge.

On motion the communication was received & ordered to be filed and Bro. Leon Hyneman recognized as the representative of Lodge N^o. 222.

A Communication was received from Lodge N^o. 197, at Carlisle, Penn., to whom a Communication had been referred from Bro. Willis Foulke at the last quarterly Communication for some explanation thereto.

A Communication was also received from Bro. Willis Foulke in relation to the same subject. When on motion duly made and seconded, the Communications were referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The following Report was received, read & accepted, viz: To the Grand Lodge of Penns.

The Grand Officers to whom were referred the Application of Lodges N^o. 70, at Athens, and N^o. 172, at Lebanon, for revival respectfully report that they decided not to grant the application in the case of No. 70 until the Warrant and other property of the Lodge were placed in the possession of Bro. Jo^a. Kingsberry (formerly D. D. G. M.) this being done they

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acceeded to the prayer of the Petitioners and a dispensation was granted for reopening and reorganizing the Lodge.

In the case of Lodge N°. 172 they decided inasmuch as the Warrant, Books & property of the Lodge had never been surrendered in compliance with the regulations of the Ahiman Rezon and no returns had been made for a period of 17 Years that it was inexpedient to grant the petition.

Signed by the Grand Officers,

June 7, 1847. Committee.

The following Report was also received, read and accepted, "viz:"

To the Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

The Grand Officers to whom were referred the Applications of Brothers Ge°. Rockenburg and William Glenn for remissions of Dues respectfully Report,

In the Case of the first Applicant that they granted the relief prayed for it appearing evident that some mistake had been committed by his Lodge.

But in the case of the last applicant they decided against doing so in as much as the fees for two degrees taken by him had never been paid.

Respectfully Submitted.

June 7, 1847. Signed by the Committee.

A Communication was received and filed from Bro. Jo^a. Kingsberry Shewing the reopening & reorganizing of Lodge N°. 70, at Athens, Bradford County, Penns., & the Installation of the Officers on the 27^th day of May, 1847.

The following Report was received, read & ordered to be filed, viz:

To the R^t. W. Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest Submit the following Report.

That by their last report dated May 30^th. 5846, the Cash in Bank to the Credit of The Trustees was, . . $ 537.04

That there has been received Since that time the Sum of, ... $2305.42

from the following Sources, "to wit:"

5846, June 5, Dividends on three Shares Kensington Bank Stock, to wit:

due 17^th Nov., 1843, . . . $ 4.50

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due 17	May, 1844, . . .	$ 5.25	
" 15	Nov., 1844, . . .	" 6.00	
" 16	May, 1845, . . .	" 6.75	
" 14	Nov., " . . .	" 7.50	
" 15	May, 1846, . . .	" 7.50	
		37.50	
June 6,	Dividend on 102 shares F. & M. Bk. Stock,	183.60	
July 2nd,	Divd. on 170 Shares 6 p. c. Masonic Loan,	510.00	
" "	do. do. on 60 p. ct.,	150.00	
" "	Int on 3964.19 Cer. of debt, . . .	118.92	
Augt. 25,	6 Mos. Int. on 776.32 State 5s, . . .	18.44	
Octo. 5,	Dividend of May, 1845, on 102 Shares F. & M. Bk. S., (the 39th), . . .	153.00	
	Do. Do. Nov., 1845, (the 40th), . .	153.00	
Dec. 10,	Do. do. on 102 S. F. & M. B. S., . .	183.60	
1847, Jany. 15,	Int. on 170 S. M. Loans, . . .	510.00	
" "	Int. on 60 S. M. 5 p. ct.,	150.00	
	do. on 3964.19 Cer. of debt, . . .	118.92	
" Febv. 7,	6 mos. Int. on 776.32 S. 5, ...	18.44	
		2305.42	

Making in all the Sum of, ... $2842.46

Of this amount there have been paid the following Sums, "to wit:"

1846, July 6,	Order of the Grand Master in fav. of the G. Treas. for the use of Com. No. 3 for term Ending 1st Monday in October, 1846,	$250.00	

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1846, Octo.	7,	Do. do. do. for use of Com. N°. 4 for term End^{g}. Jan^{y}. 1, 1847,	$450.00	
1847, Jan^{y}.	7,	Do. do. for Com. N°. 1 term ending April, 1847, ...	$550.00	
" Jan^{y}.	29,	Cash paid for 10 Shs. Masonic Loan of 1825, No^{s}. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, . . .	$1005.00	
" April	16,	Order of G. Master in fav. of G. Treas^{r}. for use of Com^{e}. N°. 2 term ending 1st Monday in July, . .	$250.00	$2505.00
		Leaving a balance of say, ...		$ 337.46

Three Hundred & thirty Seven dollars forty Six cents in Bank to the Credit of the Trustees.

The funds of the Bequest are vested in the following Securities, to wit:

102 Shares Farmers & Mechanics B^{k}. Stock.
3 do. Kensington do.
180 " 6 per ct. Masonic Loans 6 p. c.
60 " 5 " do. "
Certificate of Masonic Debt, $3964.16.
do. 776.32 Penns^{a}. 5s.
do. 19.41 do. 6s.
Cash in Bank, $337.46.

In view of the productive nature of the Securities in which the investments are made the Trustees are happy to inform the Grand Lodge that they can with safety appropriate the Sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars during the present Year to charitable purposes indicated by the will of the munificient Donor. All of which is respectfully Submitted.

Signed. S. H. Perkins, B. Newcomb,
Alex^{r}. Diamond & Samuel Badger, Trustees.

On Motion duly made and Seconded, Resolved, That the Sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars of the Interest Monies now in the Hands of the Trustees of the Girard Bequest be and is

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hereby appropriated for distribution during the coming Year Commencing the first of July next & that the same be drawn by the R^t. W. G. Master & placed at the disposal of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund in accordance with the regulations adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The following report was received, read and ordered to be filed.

To the R^t. W. Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

The Committee of Finance Respectfully Submit a Statement of the receipts and Payments by the Grand Treasurer for and on account of the Grand Lodge for the quarter Ending Dec^r. 31^st, 1846.

Receipts.

For	Lodge dues, Rents & Dispensations,	$1,926.59	
"	New Warrant, ...	$ 81.00	
"	Rent 3^d S^t. Rooms & Cellars, .	" 156.25	
"	do. Chestnut S^t. Hall, E. Peale, .	" 930.00	
"	Insurance premium depos. ret^d., .	1445.00	$4538.84

Payments.

For	Int. on Bond to Fishers Es^t. & Dancing Assembly, . . .		$ 530.00	
"	Insurance premium deposits Fire Ass^n. Franklin Fire Ass^n. & Am^n. Fire Insurance, . . .		$1208.00	
"	Gas, ...	$42.51		
"	Taxes, ...	"64.80		
"	Reorganizing Lodge N^o. 81, ...	" 7.55		
"	Incidental Expenses, .	"74.31	$ 189.17	
"	Salaries, Grand Sec^y., .	$200.00		
	" " Treas^r.,	50.00		
	" " Tyler, .	47.50	$ 297.50	$2224.67
Amt. of receipts Exceeding payments, . . .				$2314.17
Bal. due by Grand Treas. Sept. 30, 1846, . .				$1848.78
do. do. " " Dec. 31, " . .				$4162.95
				$2314.17

Signed. Ge^o. Smith,
Ge^o. H. Oliver,
A. E. Dougherty, } Committee.

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The following was also received, read and filed, to wit:
To the R^t. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance respectfully submit a statement of the receipts and payments by the Grand Treas^r. for and on account of the Grand Lodge for the quarter ending 31^st March, 1847.

Receipts.

For	Lodge dues, rent & dispensations,	$1502.25	
"	rent 3^d St^t. Rooms & Cellars, .	37.50	
"	do. Chestnut St. Hall, E Peale, .	$ 600.00	$2139.75

Payments.

"	Int. on Masonic Loans (including) $2000 to Sinking Fund, . .		$3,679.05	
"	Gas, ...	$80.27		
"	drawing lease to B. Newcomb, ...	$10.00		
"	Reorganizing Lodge N^o. 75, ...	"43.00		
"	Coal, ...	"22.00		
"	water rent, . . .	"10.00		
"	Incidental expenses, .	"41.69	$ 206.96	
"	Salaries, Grand Treasurer,	$50.00		
	" Sec^y..	$200.00		
	" Tyler, .	" 40.50	$ 290.50	$4,176.51
Amount of payments Exceeding receipts, . .				$2,036.76
Bal. due by G. T. Dec^r. 31, 1846, .			$4,162.95	
do. do. Mar. 31, 1847, .			$2,126.19	$2,036.76

Signed. Geo. Smith,
Geo. H. Oliver,
A. E. Dougherty, Committee.

The following report was received and adopted, "viz:"
To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on By Laws Respectfully Report, That they have carefully examined the By Laws of Portage Lodge, No. 220, at Hollidaysburg, and recommend their adoption after striking out of Section 4^th Article 14^th the words "for any

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length of time not exceeding nine months." All of Section 5th same article. All of Section 2nd & 3 in Article 16th.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. James Hutchinson,
Wm. H. Adams, Committee.

The following was also read & adopted.

The Committee on By Laws respectfully Report, that they have also examined the By Laws of Lodge No. 134 and respectfully request their adoption, After striking out of Article 2nd the words "If in any ballot there should be an equality of votes the master shall have the casting vote in addition to the vote given him as a member of the Lodge" and Insert "A Majority of the whole number of votes given is necessary for a choice But if on the first ballot no choice be made, &c." See Ahiman Rezon folio 132, Election for Grand officers.

The By Laws of Lodge No. 71 have also been examined and finding nothing therein contained contrary to the Ahiman Rezon or the regulations of the Grand Lodge respectfully recommend their adoption.

The alterations to the By Laws of Lodges No. 19 & 197 as Submitted have been examined and their adoption also respectfully recommended.

All of which is respectfully recommended.

Signed. Jas. Hutchinson,
Wm. H. Adams, Committee.

June 7th, 1847.

On Motion duly made and Seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, "to wit:"

Resolved, That Lodge No. 134 be permitted to change their night of Meeting from Second Wednesday to Second Saturday, so as to correspond with the By Laws first adopted and that they also be permitted to hold their Meetings hereafter in the Grand Lodge Room.

The following communication was received, read and filed.

Harrisburg, June 1, 1847.

To Wm. H. Adams,

In regard to your Legacy The Estate was settled in the Orphans Court a few days since. It falls short and will not pay the whole amount of our legacy "altho" it is before many others.

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I presume it will be necessary for me to have a duly certified authority as atty. for the R^t. W. Grand Lodge to receive the Mony and receipt for the Same from Nicholas Boyer adms^r. de bonus non with the will annexed of George M. Wagner late of Dauphin County, deceased. I have not seen the adms^r. Since his Account was Settled but presume his atty. who is opposed to our having the Money will insist upon a special Authority.

Truly & fraternally,

Benj^n. Park.

On Motion duly made & Seconded, it was resolved, that Bro. Benj^n. Park of Harrisburg, D. D. G. Master, be and he is hereby Authorized & empowered to receive from the Administrator of Ge^o. M. Wagner the Amount of Legacy left to the Grand Lodge and receipt for the same.

The Grand Master Stated to the Grand Lodge that since the last quarterly Communication in compliance with an invitation from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania he had attended by the Grand Officers visited the City Washington and was present at the Ceramonies of laying the corner stone of the Smithsonian Institute, that during the stay of the Grand Officers they were kindly received by the Officers & Members of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia and the brotherhood generally and by the President of the United States and returned highly gratified with their visit and the opportunity afforded them of receiving the friendly feeling so happily existing between the Grand Lodges.

The Grand Master further stated in regard to the Rent due by Mr. Peale for the Hall in Chestnut Street that in order to compel a payment of the same a distress had been made which was subsequently suspended there having been a payment on account. That the Trustees of the U. S. Bank had issued Execution and levied on the property but had not enforced their Execution, that notice had been given of the claim for Rent and that during the time the goods were permitted to remain in the hands of the Sheriff under the execution they would claim the Rent from the pltfs. in the Execution, and that the Sheriff had been notified to proceed and sell without further delay.

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The following Resolution was offered by Bro. John Thomson and adopted, "to wit:"

Resolved, That in the event of a Sheriffs sale or of a sale for rent of the property of the Tennant in the Masonic Hall in Chestnut St. the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed to take such measures as in his judgement be best calculated to secure the payment of the rent due by the Tenant to the Grand Lodge and to bid by himself or others upon the sale of the goods for that purpose if he should deem it necessary and that the Grand Treasurer be directed to employ counsel in the case.

The following Resolution was offered by Bro. Chas. J. Henniss & adopted, "to wit:"

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Girard Bequest be requested to report to this Grand Lodge whether any portion of the interest of the Bequest has or has not been invested as a permanent fund.

The Rt. W. Grand Master announced that he had appointed Bro. Peter Williamson, Grand Marshal, in the place of Bro. Henry G. Smith, resigned.

On Motion a number of Visiting Brethren were admitted during the Evening.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at a quarter past Nine o'clock.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

Omitted.

The Grand Secretary stated that in 1822 a Committee was raised in the Grand Lodge to Borrow $2000 which amt. was placed in the hands of Three Trustees, viz: Bros. James McAlpin, Robt. Toland & Wm. Boyd and expended by them in repairing the Gas House back of the Hall in Chestnut Street.

In 1825 One Thousand dollars was placed in the hands of said Trustees to pay the lenders fifty per ct. on the Amount loaned, as it is not known to the Grand Lodge whether this amt. has been all called for, he would respectfully Suggest that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the Trustees and get from them a statement of the Amounts paid and to

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whom paid and the balance still remaining in their hands if any.

On Motion duly made and Seconded, it was resolved, that a Committee of Three be appointed to procure the necessary information in relation to the foregoing statement.

The R^t. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Bro^a. Jo^a. H. Israell, Jn^o. W. M^cGrath & W^m. M. Martin said Com.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

PHIL., Monday, Septr. 6th, 5847.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. James Page,	R^t. W. G. Master.
"	" " D. G. M.
" W^m. Whitney,	" " S. G. Warden.
" A. Bournonville,	" " Jr. G. W.
" John Thomson,	" " G. Treasurer.
" W^m. H. Adams,	" " G. Sec^y.
" W^m. S. Heysham,	D. G. S., P. T.
" Tho^a. B. Florence,	S. G. D.
" D. C. Skerritt,	Jr. G. D.
" Peter Williamson,	G. Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner,	G. S. Bearer.
" Rob^t. M^cCulloch,	" Pursuivant.
" E. S. Ely,	G. Chaplains.
" J. Moorehouse,	
" Jn^o. M. Read,	
" S. H. Perkins,	P. G. Masters.
" W^m. Barger,	

Lodges Represented.

No. 2, Samuels.
" 3, Desilver, Heysham, Skerritt, King, English, M^cKaraher, Thomson, Florence.
" 9, Kelly, Robinson.
" 19, Bradley, Hodges, Griscom.

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No. 51, Workman, Whitney, Israel, Thomson, Read.
" 52, Ferguson, Thomas.
" 67, Van Osten, Jas Hutchinson, Robt Hutchinson, Simpson.
" 71, Horner, Hineman, Golden.
" 72, Chase, Barger, Gregg, Thomson, West.
" 91, Casey, Henniss, Heart, Perkins.
" 114, Thomson, Sharp, Brunner.
" 115, Heimberger, Hibbs, Thos D. & A. E. Dougherty, Diamond.
" 121, Frazer.
" 115, Bournonville, Hahnlin, Aichternacht, Schmidt, Steiner.
" 130, McGrath, Lescure, W. B. Chandler, Sleeper, Easby.
" 134, McCulloch, Williamson, Butler.
" 155, Bacon, Martin, Abrahams, Cassin, Collins.
" 158, Jones, Taylor, Barnstead, Oliver, Moore.
" 186, Russell.
" 187, Rittenhouse, Hilt, Eadis.
" 211, Singleton, Jones, Cartwright, Sanger, Dorlan.
" 219, White.
Proxies, Nos 21 & 106 English, No 22 Whitney, Nos 43 & 164 Barger, 45 & 222 Hyneman, Nos 82, 108, 138, 199 Adams, No 190 Page, No 218 Thomson.

Thirty Five Lodges Represented, Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 7 O'c., P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication June 7, 1847, were read and adopted.

The Grand Secretary stated that he had distributed the addresses of Bro. Jos. R. Chandler which were presented by Lodge No. 3 to the following Grand Lodges as directed.

Grand Lodges of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Dist. of Co., Virginia, N. Carolina, So. Carolina, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, Kentuckey, Tennessee, Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Alabama, Georgia.

A Petition was read from a number of Brethren residing in Alleghany City, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in that place & nominating Bro. A. D. Patterson, first W. M.;

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Bro. Thomas Sargent, first S$^{r.}$ W.; Bro. Lynde Elliott, first J$^{r.}$ W.

Said Application being in proper form and recommended by Lodge N$^{o.}$ 45, at Pittsburg.

On Motion duly made and Seconded, was Granted.

A Petition was read from a number of Brethren residing in Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pa., Praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in said place and nominating Bro$^{s.}$ L. L. Biglow, W. M.; W. Jack, S$^{r.}$ W.; Jacob M. Wise, J$^{r.}$ Warden, first Officers.

Petition being in due form and recommended by Lodge N$^{o.}$ 45, at Pittsburg, was on Motion duly made & Seconded, Granted.

A Petition from a number of Brethren residing in Danville, Columbia County, Penns$^{a.}$ was read praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in said place and nominating Brothers William Donaldson; Rob$^{t.}$ M^{c}Coy, & Arthur W. Frick the first Officers.

Petition being in due form and recommeded by Lodge N$^{o.}$ 148, was on Motion duly made and Seconded, Granted.

A petition was read for the revival of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 215, at Uniontown, Fayette County, Pa.

Which was referred to the Grand Officers.

A petition was read for the revival of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 133, at Beaver, Penns.

Which was referred to the Grand Officers.

The Grand Secretary Stated that he had received a few days since the Warrant of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 172, at Lebanon.

Printed Communications were received from the following Grand Lodges and referred to the Committee of Correspondence, "to wit:"

Maine, Connecticut, Texas, New York, Indiana, Maryland, Wisconsin; also the July & August Number of the Masonic Mirror.

Special Return was received from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 144 of the Expulsion of J— H. T— for conduct unbecoming a Mason.

Ordered to be filed.

Return from C. P. Gummert, D. D. G. M., was read shewing the issuing of 10 Dispensations to Pass the Chair, 8 do. to E. P. & Raise and a remittance of $126.80.

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A Return was read from Bro. Wm. B. Potts, D. D. G. M., of Dispensations issued by him from Decr. 19, 1846 to Jny. 17, 1847.

15 dispens$^{ns.}$ to Pass the chair, ...	$75
1 do. to E. P. and Raise, ...	"10
	85
Cash remitted on account, ...	65
Balance, ...	$20

The above reports were ordered to be filed.

The following Communication was received and read, viz:

Harrisburg, Augt. 21/47.

Wm. H. Adams,

Dr. Sir & Bro.,

I have this week Succeeded in closing the matter of Wagners Estate from which a legacy was due the Rt. W. G. L.

His Widow Expended most of the Estate which was small, the rest was converted into money by Bro. Boyer the Administrator, and upon Settling his account after paying debts, Expenses, &c., there was only $146.38 left to distribute. The heirs endeavoured to get it before an auditor for distribution, which I defeated. The Atty. for the Poor House then claimed a pro rata distribution of their legacy.

I agreed to the distribution with the exception, that if the Grand Lodge required it we would Submit the question to the court. I wish therefore the G. Lodge to let me know as soon as practicable whether I shall contest it.

The distribution is as follows:

Whole amount for distribution, ...		$146.38
To Rt. W. G. Lodge, ...	$127.29	
" Dauphin Co. Poor House, . . . "	19.09	"146.38

As between the Grand Lodge and Myself the acct. would stand,

Cash received of Adms. of G. M. Wagner for Rt. W. G. Lodge, ...	$127.29
By Services in getting administrator appd., Expense to Halifax once & Postages, &c., ...	17.29
due Rt. W. G. L., ...	110.00

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For which Sum of $110 if satisfactory the G. Treasurer may draw upon me at sight or I will send my check as he may please.

On Motion of Bro. S. H. Perkins and duly Seconded, the proceedings in the foregoing case by Bro. B. Park were approved and he directed to take the pro rata distribution.

A Petition was received and read asking for the release of Bro. Wagners Legacy in favour of his Son.

Which was referred to the Grand Officers.

A Communication was received from Bro. I— A. A— of Lodge N°. 197, protesting against the Suspension by Lodge N°. 197 for Unmasonic conduct.

Which was referred to the Grand Officers.

A Communication was received and read from Bro. B. Mahana, W. M. of Waynesburg Lodge, asking the Grand Lodge to send a Grand Lecturer, &c.

Which was referred to the Grand Officers.

The following communication from Lodge N°. 3 was read and referred to the G. Officers, Masonic Hall, So. 3rd St.

Aug^t. 17, 1847, A. L. 5847.

Stated Meeting of Lodge N°. 3.

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted, "to wit:"

Resolved, That the recommenders of Moses Nathans be permitted to withdraw his Petition if the Same should meet the approval of the R^t. W. G. Lodge.

Extract from the Minutes.

W^m. M. Martin,
Secretary.

To W^m. H. Adams, R^t. W. G. Secretary.

Bro. W— M. M— charges against Bro. G— W. C— were about being read when the R^t. W. G. Master stated that it was the wish of Bro. W. M. M— to have them withdrawn.

Bro. George Thomson moved that Bro. W— M. M— have permission to withdraw the charges about being made against Bro. G— W. C—.

When on Motion of Bro. A. E. Dougherty the Motion to withdraw the charges was postponed in order to get Bro. M— reasons for so doing.

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The R^t. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge the following Correspondence, to wit:

Grand Secretarys Office,

Masonic Hall, Baltimore, 16^th. Aug^t. 1847.

M. W. Sir and Bro.,

I beg leave to remind you that the Delegates appointed by the Several Grand Lodges which approve the formation of a General Grand Lodge of the United States will meet in convention in the City of Baltimore on Thursday the 23^rd Sept. next. A Majority of the Grand Lodges having approved the Measure and appointed Delegates leaves no doubt of the Convention being organized.

By a resolution of the Grand Lodge of M^d. in May last the use of the Saloon in the Masonic Hall has been tendered to the convention during its session.

My office in the Hall will be open for the reception of such Delegates as may arrive in advance of the time of Meeting to whom it gives me great pleasure to offer my Services.

I am very truly

To R^t. Worshipful & fraternally,

Bro. Ja^s. Page, Jo^s. Robinson, G. Secy.,

G. M., G. L. of Penns. G. L. of Maryland.

Phil., Aug^t. 20^th. 1847.

Dear Sir & Bro.,

I received your Communication of the 16^th Inst. reminding me that the Delegates appointed by the several Grand Lodges which approve the formation of a Grand Lodge of the United States will meet in Convention in the City of Baltimore on the 23^d of Sept. Inst. and as a majority of the Grand Lodges have approved the measure, there was no doubt of the conventions being organized.

From the time when this project was first started in the Year 1790 up to the present period, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has uniformly disapproved of it, and so far from having faltered in her opinion upon the Subject, experience has but convinced her of the prudence of her course, and confirmed her in the resolution originally taken and faithfully adhered to. Every investigation of the proposition has resulted in a still deeper conviction that it can produce no good

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to the order, and must work injury to Masonry, and ought therefore at once and finally to be abandoned.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania can under no circumstances be induced to countenance it and this her fixed determination, she desires may be respectfully made known to the convention. Fraternally & Truly Yours, &c.,

James Page,
Grand Master,
G. L. of Penns^{a}.

To Jo^{a}. Robinson, Esq.,
G. Sec^{y}. G. L. of M^{d}.

When on Motion of Past Grand Master Samuel H. Perkins and duly Seconded, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Letter of the Grand Master be adopted as the exponant of the Sentiments of this Grand Lodge on the Subject.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to forward a copy of the Answer of the Grand Master with the Vote of the Grand Lodge thereon to all of our Sister Grand Lodges.

The following Report was read and ordered to be filed, "to wit:"

The Building Committee of the Stores in Front of the Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street respectfully report,

That they were called upon by Bro. William S. Shultz to examine the Stores put up by him under his contract with the Grand Lodge and found that the same had been erected in a proper manner and in conformity with the plan and specifications, and further finding that all the bills for work & materials had been either paid or were released they directed satisfaction to be entered on the bond which Bro. Shultz had given with Securities for the faithful performance of the contract, which satisfaction was entered by the Grand Treasurer accordingly and the bond cancelled, he keeping the release of liens. The expense for erecting these stores amount to as appears by the Bills Submitted by Bro. Shultz to the Sum of 4279.90.

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

Signed by Ja^{s}. Page, A. Bournonville,
Jn^{o}. W. M^{c}Grath, Jacob Steiner,
Committee. (Sep^{r}. 6, 1847).

The following report was received, read & ordered to be filed, proceedings also approved.

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To the Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

The Grand Officers to whom were referred the several communications in relation to Bro. Willis Foulk and Cumberland Star Lodge, N°. 197, respectfully report,

That after carefully examining and considering the several communications and hearing the Statements of Bro. Jacob Squires a delegate sent from C. S. Lodge, N°. 197, Passed the following Resolutions, Copies of which were furnished to C. S. Lodge and Bro. Willis Foulk, "to wit:"

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Grand Officers Bro. Willis Foulk is entitled to the rights and privileges of a member of the order.

Resolved, That if the explanation made by Bro. W. Foulk to Bro. J. Squires before the revival of Lodge N°. 197 had been communicated in season it might have been considered as sufficient, and is now considered satisfactory and in their opinion no sufficient reason exists for excluding the brother from Lodge N°. 197 as a member.

Resolved, that the only way or Mode by which a Brother can be deprived of his rights and privileges is by Expulsion or Suspension after notice and trial.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. A. Bournonville, James Page,
Jn°. Thomson, Wm. Whitney,
Wm. H. Adams, Committee.

Sept. 4, 1847.

The following Report was received, approved and ordered to be filed, viz:

To the Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

The Grand Officers to whom were referred the Application of Lodge N°. 159, at Danville, for revival respectfully report,

That they decided not to grant the Application in as much as the Warrant, Books and property of the Lodge had never been Surrendered in Compliance with the regulations of the Ahiman Rezon and that the Warrent is now lost or mislaid also that no returns had been made for a period of Nineteen Years.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. A. Bournonville, Peter Fritz,
Jn°. Thomson, Wm. Whitney,
Wm. H. Adams, James Page,
Committee.

Sept. 4, 1847.

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The following report was received, read and approved, viz: To the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

The Committee on By Laws respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the By Laws of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 75, at Phoenixville, and recommend their adoption after striking out of article 1st in the 6th line commencing with the words the hours of meeting will be from 6 to 10 P. M. and Insert the time of meeting shall be Six o'c., P. M. from Sept. 25 to March 25 & Seven o'c., P. M. from 25 of March to 25 of September.

Strike out of Article Second the 5, 6, 7, & 8 lines & Insert according to the rules regulating the Election for G. Officers.

Strike out of Article 3rd the words commencing with in the 31st line & If one black ball shall appear against him he shall be balloted for a second time if a black ball appear against him a Second time he cannot be admitted and no reasons assigned, and Insert If an applicant be rejected, &c., &c., &c., as found in A. R., folio 161.

Respectfully Submitted.

Sept. 4, 1847. Signed by the Committee.

The following Report was read and approved, "viz:"

To the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

The Committee on By Laws respectfully report that they have carefully examined the By Laws of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 194 & respectfully recommend their adoption after striking out of article 1st Section 2nd the words first day of Nov$^{r.,}$ first day of April in two places & Insert Mar. 25^{th,} September 25^{th,} when the words occur April and November as Struck out.

Strike out of Article 4th Section 7th the words (for Six Months).

Strike out of Article 7th Sec. 4 the words (for any length of time not exceeding 9 Months).

In Article 7 Sec. 5, line 6th Insert the word or & Strike out of same article same section line 6th the words not less than 6 Mos. for the first offence & for the second he shall be.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. W$^{m.}$ H. Adams,
James Hutchinson, Committee.

Sept. 4, 1847.

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The following Report was received, read & approved.
To the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

The Committee on By Laws respectfully report, That they have examined the By Laws of Lodge No. 222, at Minersville, Schuylkill County, & recommend their adoption after adding to article Third the following: If an applicant be rejected, &c., &c., as found in the A. Rezon, folio 161.

Strike out of Article 9th the words Ipso facto Suspended without further proceedings by the Lodge provided however that it shall be in the power of the Lodge at any time upon Sufficient cause shewn to suspend the operation of this Article and grant further indulgence. Insert be Suspended or Expelled.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. W$^{m.}$ H. Adams,
Sept$^{r.}$ 4, 1847. Ja$^{s.}$ Hutchinson, Com$^{e.}$

A Communication was received from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 135, at Manayunk, asking the Sanction of the G. Lodge on the Night of Meeting being changed from Saturday to Wednesday after the full Moon.

Which was approved.

The following Amendment to the By Laws of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 197, at Carlisle, Pa., was read & approved.

At a Meeting of C. S. Lodge held on the Evening of July 21 the following resolution was offered as an amendment to Article 4 of our By Laws, viz:

Resolved, that there be a Chaplain added to the Officers appointed by the W. M.

The following report from the Trustees of the Charity Fund was read and ordered to be filed.
To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The trustees respectfully present a report of the financial proceedings of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, viz:

Bal. in hand of Treasurer as per last report June 1$^{st.}$ 1846, ... $ 42.22

1846.

July 3, Int. rece$^{d.}$ on Masonic Loans, $ 57.00
do. " Gas Certificates, " 53.74
Nov$^{r.}$ 4, Cash from Jn$^{o.}$ Jones on a/c., "100.00

1847.

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Jan. 11,	Int. on Masonic Loans, . .	57.00	
" "	do. on Gas Certificates, . .	53.74	
June 7,	Ground rent, &c., received from Wm. Irvin of Chester, . .	44.75	
" "	Sale of 11 Shares Southern Loan and Insurance Co., . . .	118.25	
July "	Int. on Masonic Loans, . .	63.00	
" "	do. on Gas Certificates, . .	54.00	$601.48
		Dollars,	$643.70

Payments for the same period.

1846.			
Decr. 7,	Appropriation by the Grand Lodge for distribution, . .	$100.00	
1847.			
Febv. 1,	Paid for two shares Masonic Loan at par and Int. 1 Mo.,	201.00	
Mar. 25,	Pd. one half of expense for drawing deed, &c., . . .	4.25	
June 7,	Collecting rent at Chester, .	1.00	
" "	1 Certificate Gas debt purchd.,	53.31	
July 1,	Purchased 2 Shares M. Loan, .	200.00	
" 21,	Pd. Acknowledging deed of Conveyance of lot of Ground, &c., at Germantown, . . .	75.00	$560.31
	Bal. on hand, ...		$ 83.39

Sept. 6, 1847.

Of the One hundred & thirty dolls. for distribution the Treasurer shews vouchers for One hundred & fifteen dolls. having been paid to 23 poor and respectable female applicants and a Balance of Fifteen dollars for distribution.

The fund now consists of 23 Shares Masonic Loans and paying an Int. of Six per cent on, ...	$2300.00
Certificates of Gas Loan at 6 p. ct., ...	"1844.55
Chester Ground Rent, ...	" 350.00
Bal. in hands of Treasurer, ...	83.39
Bal. due by Jno. Jones a former Treasurer without Interest, ...	98.67
Amount,	$4671.61

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Also Lot of Ground recently received from Lodge N°. 81, Germantown at present bringing in no revenue.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. Ge°. Griscom,
John Bradley,
Wm. E. Ewing,
} Trustees.

Sept. 6, 1847.

The following was received, read and referred to the G. Officers, viz:

To James Page, Esqr., R. W. G. M. of the G. L. of Pennsa.

The petition of J— K— respectfully Sheweth that he is a M. M. and was formerly a Member of Lodge No. 9 under your jurisdiction that he was in the Year 1836 expelled from said Lodge on a charge of unmasonic conduct of which he was and is innocent, that he never knew of the charge or had any notice of it, or any opportunity of facing his accuser or defending himself, that he is much pained that he now remains in bad standing and is desirous of having his innocence proved and of being reinstated in the order, he therefore presents this his Petition praying that you will be pleased to lay it before the Rt. W. G. L. of Pennsa. that such reference may be had as will be consistent with justice & equity and as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

Phil., Sept. 6, 1847.

Signed. J— K—,
N. W. Corner
of 13th & Cedar St. P.

The following Communications were presented by the Rt. W. G. M. read, approved and ordered to be spread on the Minutes and a Copy of the proceedings sent to Alfred Creigh, to wit:

Washington, July 27, 1847.

Sir and Bro.,

I have taken the liberty of addressing you on an important principle of Masonry, and in which our Lodge is deeply interested. The facts of the case are these. A brother Mason hailing from Ireland & who has resided in this place some 25 Years considers himself agrieved because I refused to admit him into the procession on the 24th of June last. Prior to that date I had several conversations with him prior to this period to his irregular mode of living by indulging in intem-

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perance, his reply was to me that he would sooner give up Masonry than using Alcoholic drinks. I then informed him that our Lodge had taken the right ground on the Subject of Temperance that while we allowed their use with a due restraint yet we would hold every man responsible for a violation, & that we went further we were determined to take Cognizance of the moral conduct of every mason residing within the bounds of Washington County. We hold to this principle that if Masons whether active Members or holding certificates residing among us & who have a right to claim our charities we have an absolute right to require them to live up to Masonic principles and privileges hence we hold we have a right to admonish a brother and if he will not hear us after being twice or thrice admonished then cut him off entirely as unworthy. The Grand Lecturer of the State of Ohio has informed me that this is the doctrine which governs them in that and the Western States, and we believe it is a good doctrine, Salutary doctrine just such doctrine as masons should teach & practice.

Will you let me know your views & those of the Grand Lodge, as its decission will have a tendency to elevate our institution in this part of our state or depress it. Our Lodge unanimously agree that we must frown down intemperance cost what it may.

Your early and considerate answer will confer a favour.

Signed. Alfred Creigh,
W. M., L. 164.
Phil., Aug. 6, 1847.

Dear Sir and Bro.,

Business has prevented an earlier reply to your fav. of the 27th Ulto.

I will briefly observe that a brother can only be deprived of the benefits of the order in two ways, by Suspension or Expulsion, the former temporary and for some neglect of local regulations, the latter permanent and for gross unmasonic Conduct or immoral practices. Expulsion always to be preceeded by notice proof trial and condemnation according to Masonic usage and law.

In the case to which you refer if the brother at the time was in a condition to take part in the procession, I do not think it was correct to exclude him but if he was inebriated

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it was correct to deny him admission. If he is habitually intemperate & has declared that he prefers alcohol to Masonry, charges should at once be made against him and if proved to that extent would be sufficient to warrant his expulsion from the order and this is the true course to be taken, as against all such weak & erring brethren admonition that should be seven times tried failing to work reformation.

I would remark that the order is one of forbearance not proscription, that our duty is rather to keep up than pull down a brother, in fine charity should be our precepter teaching us humility and a conciliating spirit of kindness, we should abstain for a long time before proceeding to extremes only trying these when the voice of persuasion and the pleadings of brotherly love fail and all hopes of reclaimation is at an end, even then the backsliding brother should have a fair & full & impartial trial. All harshness should be avoided and if he be cut off, let it be done more in sorrow than in anger. Masonry is practical charity, without this she is nothing.

Yours Truly,

James Page, G. M.

Past Grand Master Bro. S. H. Perkins being called upon made a few remarks in relation to the Fund of the Girard Bequest.

When Bro. C. J. Henniss offered the following which was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Girard Bequest be and they are hereby requested to report to this Grand Lodge the Period when the Bequest of Stephen Girard reached the Sum of $30,000 the Amt. of Interest realized and the disbursements of Said Interest with such other matter of Interest as relates to the subject.

The Grand Master Stated to the Grand Lodge that since the last Grand Quarterly Communication Mr. Peale the Lessee of the Masonic Hall in Chestnut St. had paid nearly all the rent due, but a small balance remaining. That he presented some claims which would require examination and might be found entitled to equitable consideration & allowance.

Bro. John Thomson the Grand Treas$^{r.}$ made the following Statements, to wit:

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R^t. W. G. Master,

I am informed that there has been some assertions made by a member of this Grand Lodge reflecting on the character of some of its officers which I feel it my duty to notice.

I allude to Bro. Jo^s. H. Israell who among other things has Stated That the first three men he would meet in the Street, or that he would find a boy between this and the Exchange that would manage the affairs of the Grand Lodge better than the present Grand Officers.

This I would say, altho a mere matter of opinion on the part of the Brother, is such language as tends to throw discredit on the Grand Lodge, and is at the same time both unkind & unmasonic.

But he has made other assertions respecting the condition of the G. Lodge and of Mismanagement and neglect of duty on the part of the Grand Officers which if uncontradicted might be supposed to be true.

He has stigmatised the Loans of the Grand Lodge as the "rotten Masonic Loans and the Grand Lodge as a rotten Grand Lodge unable to pay her interest."

He has accused the Grand Officers of Neglect of duty in not taking the requisite security from the Grand Treasurer. All of which is untrue.

I make this statement R^t. W. G. M. as several of the Subordinate Lodges have investments in the loans of the Grand Lodge and reports of this kind if left uncontradicted would lead to mistrust on the part of the Loan holders and might result in injury to the Grand Lodge.

On motion duly made and Seconded, Bro. Jn^o. Thomson was requested to prefer charges in writing & Bro. Joseph H. Israel to be furnished with a Copy.

When Bro. Jn^o. Thomson furnished the following.

Bro. Jo^s. H. Israel has stigmatised the Loans of the Grand Lodge as the rotten Masonic Loans and the Grand Lodge as a rotten concern unable to pay her interest.

He has accused the Grand Officers of Neglect of duty in not taking the requisite security from the Grand Treas^r. all of which is untrue.

On motion the Charges were referred to a Committee of Three and the R^t. W. Grand Master appointed the following

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Brethren, viz: Bro^{s}. B. Newcomb, Alex. E. Dougherty and Cha^{s}. J. Henniss.

On Motion duly made and Seconded, a number of Visiting Brethren were admitted.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 20 Minutes to 11 O'c., P. M.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

PHILAD^{A}., Monday, Decr. 6th, 1847.

Grand Lodge of Penns^{a}.. Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	James Page,	R^{t}. W.	G. Master.
"	Peter Fritz,	" "	D. G. Master.
"	W^{m}. Whitney,	" "	S^{r}. G. Warden.
"	A. Bournonville,	" "	J^{r}. G. Warden.
"	John Thomson,	" "	G. Treas.
"	W^{m}. H. Adams,	" "	G. Secy.
"	W^{m}. W. Smith,	" "	Dep. G. Secy.
"	C. C. Williams,		S^{r}. G. Deacon.
"	Tho^{s}. B. Florence,		J^{r}. G. Deacon.
"	Peter Williamson,		G. Marshall.
"	Jacob Steiner,		G. Sword Bearer.
"	Rob^{t}. M^{c}Culloch,		" Pursuivant.
Bro^{s}.	Van Pelt, & E. S. Ely,		G. Chaplains.
"	Barger, Perkins, & Newcomb,		P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented.

No. 2, Maguire, Richardson, Samuels, Robertson.
" 3, Desilver, Page, Skerritt, Wood, Florence, Robinson, King, Thomson, Dillman, Colladay, Martin, English, Carlin, Heysham.
" 9, Creasey, Robinson, & Kelly.
" 19, Reynolds, Thornly, Childs, Patton, Hodges, Griscom, Haswell, Park, Smith, English.
" 51, Thomson, Whitney, Workman, Israell, Bouvier.
" 52, Ferguson, Patton, Thomas, Yeager.
" 59, Chalmers, Adams, Maull, Watson, Barrington, Davenport, Campbell, Smith.

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No. 67, Conrad, Ward, Robt Hutchinson, Simpson, Baugh, Van Osten, Jas Hutchinson, Wagner, Declyne, Smith, Jos Hutchinson, Weeks, Miskey, Wilson.
" 71, Golden, Vancollum, Meyers, Horner, Frismuth, Hyneman, Weykle, Elfelt.
" 72, Thomson, Phillips, Coleman, West, Molan, Williams, Chase, Barger, Grigg, Peacock, Clinton.
" 81, Snyder, Dickinson, Johnson, Henry, Dickinson, Roop.
" 91, Perkins, Manning, Femington, Casey, Hart.
" 114, Sharp, Thomson, Kelly, Bruner, Benner, Spackman, Krider, Coburn, Williamson, Baxter.
" 115, Diamond, Devine, Humes, Heimberger, McCloud, Dougherty, Hibbs, Shultz, Thos D. Dougherty, Young, Newcomb.
" 121, Prevost, Patterson, Frazer, Vaux, Levesteen, Traquair.
" 125, Bournonville, Smyth, Beiler, Steiner, Wollenweber, Hahnlen, Martin, Ziegler.
" 130, Barrett, Lescure, McGrath, Shultz, Sleeper, Easby, Brown, Pascal, Logue, J. B. Chandler, Jones, Clemens.
" 134, McCulloch, Butler, Roney.
" 135, Mullin, Bramble, Ramsdale.
" 155, Martin, Fritz, Gandy, Bowen, Gaul, Bacon, Cassin, Collins, Abrahams, Curtis, Allen, Shumway.
" 158, Jones, Taylor, Oliver, Shields, Moore.
" 186, Cockrin, Gibson, Smith, Horner, Barrington, Stephens, Russell.
" 187, Coates, Wallace, Rittenhouse, Loisee, Hilt.
" 190, Richards, Powell, Cornman, Bush.
" 211, Langer, Singleton, Cartwright, Dorlan.

Proxies, Bro. Wm English for No 21 & 106, Wm Whitney for No 22, Wm Barger for 43 & 164, R. M. McCulloch for No 45, Jas Simpson, 163, Wm H. Adams for 82, 108, 138, & 199, Jas Page 190, Jno Thomson 218, J. A. Phillips 221, Peter Fritz 219, A. Bournonville No 148, Leon Hyneman No 222.

Forty two Lodges represented, Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 6¼ o'clock.

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The Minutes Quarterly Grand Communication, Phil., Sept. 6th, 1847, were read and adopted.

A Communication was received from Lodge N°. 219, at Pittsburg, appointing Bro. Peter Fritz their proxy.

On motion the communication was received and Bro. Peter Fritz acknowledged as the proxy of said Lodge.

A Communication was received from Lodge No. 45, at Pittsburg, revoking bro. Leon Hynemans appointment as proxy which was ordered to be filed.

A Communication was received from Lodge N°. 45, at Pittsburg, appointing Bro. Robert M^cCulloch their proxy, which was on motion was received and Bro. R. M^cCulloch acknowledged as proxy of said Lodge.

A Communication was received from Lodge N°. 148, appointing Bro. A. Bournonville proxy of said Lodge.

Which on Motion was received and Bro. Anthony Bournonville acknowledged as proxy.

An application was received from a number of Brethren Members of the New Lodge at Greensburg, Pa., for the use of the regalia & Jewels belonging to the Old Lodge formerly held there.

Which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An application numerously Signed by Brethren in Pittsburg, for a New Warrant was received, read and referred to the Grand Officers with power to grant the same if correct.

A Petition was received from a Number of Brethren residing in Lebanon, Lebanon County, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in Lebanon to be called "Mount Lebanon" Lodge, and nominating Bro. Henry Dehuff, first W. M.; Bro. George Leineweaver, S. W.; Bro. Jacob Weidle, J^r. W.; said petition being properly Signed, &c.

On motion was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An application was received for a New Lodge at Mauch Chunck and referred to the Grand Officers.

An Application was received for a New Lodge at Erie, Penns. and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Returns were received of the organization of Lodges N°. 223, 224 & 225 & ordered to be filed.

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The R^t. W. Grand Master in behalf of Brother S. Hayward Robinson, J^r. Warden of Harmony Lodge, N^o. 52, presented to the Grand Lodge a Plate neatly placed in a plain Gilt Frame, representing the Duke of Sussex presiding as Grand Master, of the Grand Lodge of England in full regalia. Being a Biographical Memoir of his late Royal Highness Etched on Stone.

On Motion the Plate was received and ordered to be placed in the Grand Lodge Room.

Communications were received from the following Grand Lodges and referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Vermont, Kentuckey, New York, Connecticut, Illinois, New Hampshire.

Also the proceedings of a Convention to form a supreme Grand Lodge for the United States.

The following Special return was received from Lodge N^o. 158 and read.

On Motion the Grand Secretary was directed to make an alteration on the register of the Grand Lodge to correspond therewith, "to wit:"

To William H. Adams,

R^t. W. G. Sec^y. G. L. of Pa.

Extract from the Minutes of a Stated Meeting of Meridian Sun Lodge, N^o. 158, held Octo^r. 5^th. 1847.

A Communication was received from Brother Richard H. Smith setting forth that by an act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey his name had been changed to that of Rich^d. Smith Trowbridge. The Communication was accompanied by a Copy of said act Certified by Charles G. M^cChesney, Sec^y. of State of N. J. and bearing the Seal of Office. When it was on Motion Resolved, that the name of Richard H. Smith be changed upon the Records of the Lodge to that of Richard Smith Trowbridge and that the Sec^y. inform the R^t. W. Grand Sec^y. of the same.

Phil., Octo., 1847, A. L. 5847.

[L. S.] Signed. Hanse Hamilton.

Attest: N. M^cKinley.

A Copy of the By Laws of Lodge at Greensburg, was presented and referred to the Committee on By Laws.

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A Communication was received and read from Bro. Cha^{s}. S. Richea Stating that Lodge N^{o}. 25, at Bristol, Pa., of which he was a member having been suspended for non payment of dues he by said act was deprived of some of the privileges of the order, he therefore prays the Grand Lodge to relieve him from his difficulty by placing him in good Standing, he considering himself Subject to such final arrangement of the existing difficulty as shall be agreed upon by the Grand Lodge and its Subordinate.

On motion duly made and Seconded, the prayer of the petitioner was granted.

A Communication Similar to the above was received from Bro. Stephen W. Negus, Member of the late Lodge N^{o}. 126.

When on motion duly made and Seconded, the prayer of his petition was granted and he placed in good standing.

The following report from the Trustees of the Girard Bequest was read and unanimously approved.

To the R^{t}. W. Grand Lodge of Penns^{a}.

In answer to the Resolution of September 6th, A. L. 5847.

That the Trustees of the Girard Bequest be and they are hereby requested to report to this Grand Lodge the period when the Bequest of Stephen Girard reached the Sum of $30,000 the Amount of interest realized and the disbursement of said interest with such other matter of interest as relates to the subject.

Respectfully Report: That their Answer to the Above resolution can be little more than Extracts and Condensed Statements from the reports which they have from time to time made in detail to this Grand Lodge and which are copied in full on the Minutes.

By the report submitted by the Trustees to the Grand Lodge in Mar., A. L. 5844, it will be seen that the Bequest had then reached the Sum of Thirty one Thousand Three hundred & twenty two dollars 52/100 being $1322.52 over and above the $30,000 mentioned in the will of our deceased Bro. Stephen Girard. Of the principal Sum of $30,000, $29,746.11 had been permanently invested and the sum of 253.80 then recently received was in Bank waiting an opportunity to be in like manner invested.

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Upon the report the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly meeting in June, A. L. 5844, appropriated the Sum of $600 for distribution and ordered the same to be placed at the disposal of the Stewards of the Girard Charity Fund.

It appears by the report of the Trustees Submitted to the Grand Lodge the following Year, "to wit:" in March, 5845, that after paying the above appropriation of $600 to the Grand Treasurer for the Stewards of the S. G. Bequest, and investing the Sum of Six hundred and three dollars in Six per cent Masonic Loans there was a balance in Bank to the Credit of the Trustees of $2001.21.

The amount of Interest and dividends received by the Trustees since the former Report had been one thousand Six hundred and twenty Seven dolls. $\frac{80}{100}$ of which Sum Six hundred dollars had been drawn by the R. W. G. Master and placed at the disposal of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund in accordance with the regulations adopted by the Grand Lodge and the Appropriation of June, 5844 & the Sum of Six hundred and three dollars had been invested in Six per cent Masonic loans and still leaving a balance of $424.80 of the receipts of the Year unappropriated and uninvested. This added to the Cash in Bank as per Report of March, 5844, of One thousand five hundred and Seventy Six $\frac{41}{100}$ dolls. made the Sum of $2001 $\frac{21}{100}$ the Cash balance in Bank to the Credit of the Trustees as per their Rep$^{t.}$ 1845.

At the Quarterly Grand Communication of June 2^{nd,} 5845, The Grand Lodge by Resolution appropriated the Sum of Fifteen Hundred dollars for distribution during the Year Commencing the first of July, 5845.

By the Report of the Trustees to the Quarterly Grand Communication June, 5846, it will be seen that the interest and dividends received since the former report, in June, 5845, amounted to, ... $1558.33

Which added to the Sum in Bk. at the date of the Report of 5843 say, ... $2001.21

Made a total of say, ... $3559.51

Paid the appropriation of the Grand Lodge of say, ... $1500.00

And invested in Masonic Loans, . . $1522.50

Making in all the Sum of, ... $3022.50

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Still leaving a Bal. in Bank, ... $ 537.04

To the credit of the Trustees of say five hundred & thirty Seven 4/100 dollars.

At the Quarterly G. Communication of June 1st, 5846, The G. L. appropriated the Sum of Fifteen dollars for distribution during the year commencing the first of July, 5846.

By the Report of the Trustees to the Quarterly Grand Communication in June, 5847, it will be seen that the interest and dividends received since the Report of June, 5846 amounted to, ... $2305.42

Which added to the Sum in Bank at the date of Report, ... 537.04

Made a total of say, ... 2842.46

The same report shews that of this Sum the Trustees paid the appropriation of the Grand Lodge say, ... $1500.00

And invested the Sum of, in 6 p. ct. Masonic Loans, ... "1005.00

Making in all the Sum of, ... 2505.00

And leaving a balance of say, ... 337.46 in Bank to the credit of the Trustees.

By reference to the same report it will be seen that the Trustees suggested to the Rt. W. G. Lodge the propriety of increasing the appropriation to $1800 which was accordingly done and your Trustees anticpate that it hereafter will never be less.

All of the above facts have been given much more in detail from Year to Year, in the annual reports upon the Minutes of the Grand Lodge and received their cordial approbation.

It will be seen by the foregoing statements that the Bequest of S. G. reached the Sum of 30,000$ in March, A. L. 5844, with a Surpluss of Interest on hand of, ... $1322.52

That there had been received since that date in Int. and dividends up to June, 5847 the Sum of, . $5491.55

Making a total of say, ... 6814.07

Of this Sum there had been paid in Charity under the appropriations of the G. Lodge the Sum of, . . . $3,600

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To which add the appropriation of
June, 5847, ... "1,800
Makes a total of, ... 5400.00

Leaving a balance of int. &c., unappropriated of, 1414.07
over and above the appropriations of the Grand Lodge.

This Sum is temporarily invested in Masonic 6 per cent stock and is at any moment Subject to the appropriation of the R^t. W. G. L.

Your Trustees did not feel justified in leaving the large balances which from time to time accumulated in their hands unproductive in Bank without Benefit to any one. They believed it would be at least as safe in the Six per cent Stock of this Grand Lodge and equally under its control and subject to its appropriation as in the vaults of a Bank. They have therefore from time to time as their reports from Year to Year shew whenever they found any considerable surplus in their hands after meeting the full appropriations of the Grand Lodge invested that Surpluss in the Stock of this Grand Lodge.

The above Sum of $1414.07 they do not consider as any part of the principal Sum of $30,000, but simply a deposite of that amount in the Stock of the Grand Lodge, where it draws interest instead of a Deposite in the vaults of a Bank where it must of necessity be wholly unproductive.

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

Signed. Alex. Diamond, B. Newcomb,
Enos S. Gandy, Sam^l. H. Perkins,
J. Badger, Trustees.

The following report from the Committee on foreign correspondence was received, read and approved, to wit:

To the R^t. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence Report that they have had submitted to them by the Grand Secretary Communications from the following Grand Lodges, to wit: from the Grand Lodges of Maine, Connecticut, New York, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Arkansas, Maryland, Virginia, North & South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi & Alabama.

Your Committee in the perusal of these documents find ample testimony of the prosperity of the order, and so long

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as our Councils are governed by Wisdom, and our acts guided by prudence this prosperity will continue. Many of the journals before your committee are made up of matters entirely local in their character and interesting only in the evidence they convey of the prosperity of the Fraternity in different sections of the Union, others again contain information interesting to the Craft generally. Much very much to approve, some portions of it to cause regret yet not sufficiently so to require a special notice on the part of this R^t. W. G. Lodge.

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

Signed. D. C. Skerritt.
Jacob F. Hahnlan.
Jn^o. W. M^cGrath.

A Report was received from the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

On Motion duly made and Seconded, the report was adopted and the proceedings of the Trustees approved and the appropriations made, "to wit:"

On Motion a Bill presented by Bro. Ge^o. Griscom for Expenses incurred in visits to Germantown and professional Services in relation to the Germantown Property was approved of. An appropriation for that purpose is asked for of the Grand Lodge to the Amount of $62.89 (at a Stated Meeting of the Stewards held Dec^r. 1, 1847).

It was also Resolved, that the Grand Lodge be requested to appropriate $100 for distribution by the Trustees in Charity. The Treasurer of the Fund having reported that the whole of the last appropriation had been disbursed by him in Charity for which he produces vouchers and that there remains in the Treasury a balance of $78.39 unappropriated.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Dec^r. 1, 1847. Signed by all of the Trustees.

The following Report was received, read and adopted, viz: To the Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

The Grand Officers a Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. A— from Expulsion by Lodge N^o. 197 respectfully Report, That they have had the Subject under careful consideration, and after applying to the proper quarter for evidence and getting a very full and voluminous Statement from each side are of opinion that the proceedings of Lodge N^o. 197

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in the trial and expulsion should be approved and confirmed the said Bro. having had notice of the charges and a full opportunity for vindicating himself and altho some of the acts set forth were of a date prior to his joining the order and ought not to have been made the ground of complaint against him yet others took place after his association with Masonry and being proved were sufficient to justify his Expulsion.

They Submit the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the proceedings of Lodge N°. 197 in the Expulsion of Bro. A— be confirmed.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed by the G. Officers.

In the Matter of Grand Lecturer which was also submitted respectfully Report, That they have partially canvessed the matter but not having arrived at any feasable or definite conclusion report progress and ask leave to be continued.

The following Report was received, Read and adopted.

To the R^t. W. Grand Lodge of Pa.

The Grand officers to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. J— K— from a Vote of Expulsion by Lodge N°. 9.

Respectfully Report, That they find on an examination of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge that this is a case which has already been decided as would appear from the following extract from the records under date of Jan^y. 16, 1837, as follows:

To the R^t. W. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee appointed at the Annual Communication on the appeal of J— K— from Expulsion from Lodge N°. 9 beg leave to report That they met on Friday the 13^th Inst. and after a long and patient investigation of the case are of opinion that the vote of expulsion passed by Lodge N°. 9 on J— K— should be confirmed.

Signed by all of the Committee.

No new feature or fact being presented which could justify a review of a former solemn decision (admitting for the sake of argument that this step could be taken) it is deemed improper to disturb it and the Grand Officers request to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully Submitted.

Dec^r. 6, 1848. Signed by the G. Officers.

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The following Report was also received and adopted, to wit:
To the Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

The Grand Officers a committee to whom was referred an application for the relinquishment of Bro. Wagners Legacy respectfully beg leave to Report, That this matter had received the consideration and attention of the Grand Lodge on a like application Dec[r]. 1846, when it was deemed inexpedient to comply with the request of the applicant.

As it is not possible to ascertain the motives which prompted the testator to exclude his Son from the enjoyment of any part of his estate it would seem to be of doubtful propriety to let it pass into the channel he avoided, there must have been reasons to justify the Father in thus postponing the Son and it would appear from the report of the D. D. G. Master that he understood that his children had treated him with great neglect if not harshness in his life time.

In the absence therefore of any evidence to shew that George M. Wagner was a dutiful child and a kind Son the Grand Officers do not see how they can recommend an act by which he may be benefited by his fathers estate, for in so doing they may run counter to the instructions of the testator and perhaps reward him for neglecting that Father.

They therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the application of George M. Wagner.

Respectfully Submitted.
Signed by the G. Officers.

The following Report was also read, approved & Resolution adopted, viz:
To the Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

The Grand Officers a Committee to whom was referred a Communication from Lodge N[o]. 3 in relation to Moses Nathans respectfully Report, That having carefully considered the application of Lodge N[o]. 3 they have arrived at the conclusion in order to avoid a precedent which might prove injurious hereafter should this Grand Lodge pass directly upon it that it would be better to refer the case of M. Nathans back again to the same Lodge and permit another Ballot to be taken so as to give them an opportunity of rectifying any error or wrong

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which may have transpired in the proceedings they therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the case of Moses Nathans be referred bact to Lodge N°. 3 and that the said Lodge be permitted to take another ballot on his petition for admission provided that all of the Members shall have been previously & specially notified of the time when the ballot was to be taken.

Respectfully Submitted.

Dec^r. 6^th. 1847. Signed by the G. Officers.

The following report was also received, read and proceedings approved, "viz:"

To the Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

The Grand Officers to whom were referred the applications from Brethren for the revival of Lodge N°. 133, at Beaver & No. 215, at Uniontown, Fayetee County, Respectfully Report, That they decided not to grant the Prayer of the Petitioners in as much as the Warrant, Books & other property of the Lodge, have never been Surrendered in Compliance with the Ahiman Rezon and no returns had been received from Lodge N°. 133 for 20 Years and no returns from Lodge N°. 215 for a space of Nineteen Years.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed by the Gr^d. Officers,
Committee.

The following Report from the Committee on By Laws was received and approved.

To the Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

The Committee on By Laws respectfully Report, That they have examined the By Laws of Lodge N°. 225 & respectfully recommend their adoption, after Striking out of Article 2^nd Section 2^nd (Duty of W. M.) the Words by and with the consent of the Standing Committee & also Strike out the following, He may also by and with the consent of the Standing committee on any emergent occasion when it shall appear dangerous or inconvenient for the brethren to meet, Suspend the first article of these Laws & also Strike out of Article 9^th all of Section 2^nd.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. W^m. H. Adams,

Dec^r. 6, 1847. Ja^s. Hutchinson, Committee.

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This being the Evening appointed by the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge for the Election of its Officers.

The R^t. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Bro^s. E. P. Lescure, Henry G. Smith, Samuel D. Patterson & Richard Vaux as Tellers.

The Grand Lodge then went into a ballot when the following officers were duly Elected, "viz:"

Bro. Peter Fritz, R^t. W. Grand Master, in place of Bro. Ja^s. Page who declined a reelection.

Bro.	W^m. Whitney,	R^t. W. D. G. Master.
"	A. Bournonville,	R^t. W. S^r. G. Warden.
"	Ja^s. Hutchinson,	R^t. W. J^r. G. Warden.
"	John Thomson,	R^t. W. G. Treas.
"	W^m. H. Adams,	" " " Sec^y.

And Brothers Bayse Newcomb, Samuel Badger, Samuel H. Perkins, Alex. Diamond and Enos S. Gandy, Trustees of the Girard Bequest.

Grand Lodge closed in peace.

William H. Adams,
Grand Sec^y.

PHIL., December 27th, 1847, A. L. 5847.

Annual Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	James Page,	R^t. W. G. M.
"	Peter Fritz,	" " D. G. M.
"	William Whitney,	" " S^r. G. W.
"	A. Bournonville,	" " J^r. G. W.
"	John Thomson,	" " G. T.
"	W^m. H. Adams,	" " G. Sec^y.
"	W^m. English,	S^r. G. D., p. t.
"	Samuel D. Patterson,	J^r. G. D., p. t.
"	Peter Williamson,	G. Marshall.
"	Jacob Steiner,	G. S. Bearer.
"	Robert M^cCulloch,	G. Pursuivant.
"	Ezra Stiles Ely,	G. Chaplain.
"	James Page,	R^t. W. P. G. M.

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Lodges Represented.

N°	3,	Bro^{s}	Page, English, Dillman, Steelwagen, Thomson, Robinson, Wood, Desilver, Skerrett.
"	9,	"	Creasey, Kelly, Leach, Barton.
"	19,	"	Bradley, Patton, Hines, Cummings, Griscom.
"	51,	"	Thomson, Whitney, Workman.
"	52,	"	Ferguson, Simmons, Thomas, Robinson.
"	59,	"	Adams, Barrington.
"	67,	"	Ward, Ja^{s} Hutchinson, Jones.
"	70,	"	Huston.
"	71,	"	Meyers, Smith.
"	72,	"	Oliver, Phillips, Peacock, Williams.
"	81,	"	Snyder, Ja^{s} Dickinson.
"	91,	"	Henniss, Casey.
"	114,	"	Spackman, Williamson, Kelly, Bruner, Sharp, Krider.
"	115,	"	M^{c}Cloud, Diamond, Dougherty, Glenat.
"	121,	"	Frazer, Patterson, Mott.
"	125,	"	Bournonville, Buhler, Schieda, Hahnlen, Schmidt.
"	130,	"	Shultz, Easby, Lescure, W^{m} S. Shultz, Sleeper.
"	134,	"	Williamson, M^{c}Culloch, Klapp, Butler.
"	155,	"	Gaul, Fritz, Gandy, Martin, Bacon, Wilkinson, Allen.
"	158,	"	Taylor, Jones.
"	186,	"	Smith.
"	187,	"	Rittenhouse, Wilkinson.
"	211,	"	Cartwright, Singleton.

Thirty Nine Lodges Represented, the Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 10 o'c. in the Morning.

So much of the Minutes of December 6^{th,} 1847, as relates to the Election of Officers was read.

When the R$^{t.}$ W. G. Master, Bro. James Page was pleased to deliver his highly eloquent and Interesting valedictory.

Those present who were not Past Master Masons retired.

When Bro$^{s.}$ Peter Fritz, R$^{t.}$ W. G. Master Elect and Bro. W$^{m.}$ Whitney, R$^{t.}$ W. D. G. Master Elect were Separately and duly Installed in Ancient and Solemn form and being duly

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Lodges Represented.

[illegible] 3, Bros Pace, English, Dillman, [illegible] Robinson, Wood, Dessoir, [illegible]
[illegible] " Creasey, Kelly, Leech, [illegible]
[illegible] " Bradley, Linton, Hines, [illegible]
[illegible] " Thomson, Whitney, Wetherow.
[illegible] " Ferguson, Simmons, Thomas, [illegible]
" " Adkins, Barrington.
" [illegible] Ward, Jas Hutchinson, Jones.
" 70, " Huston.
" 71, " Meyers, Smith.
" 72, " Oliver, Phillips, Peacock, Williams.
" 84, " Snyder, Jas Dickinson.
" 94, " Hendriks, Casey.
" 113, " [illegible]ckman, Wintamson, Reilly, Brown, [illegible] Keller.
" 117, " M Cloud, Diamond, Dougherty, Gherst.
" 118, " Frazer, Patterson, Mott.
" 125, " Tournoud'le Bohler, Schied[illegible] Schmidt.
" 130, " Shultz, Fahy, Lescure, Wm S. Sh[illegible]
" [illegible] " Winnamson, M Culloch, Hlanes Butler
[illegible] Fritz, Gaudy, Martin, Bacon, [illegible] [illegible]n.
" [illegible] " r, Jones.
" [illegible] [illegible]
" 187, " [illegible]house, Wilkinson.
" 211, " Cartwright, Singleton.

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Those present who were not Past Master Masons r[illegible]

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R. W. Grand Master.

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proclaimed received the accustomed and Cordial Salutations of the Brethren.

Whereupon the brethren who had withdrawn were readmitted and the following Grand Officers were then severally Installed in Ancient & Solemn form and being duly received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the Brethren, "to wit:"

Bro.	Anthony Bournonville,	R$^{t.}$ W. S. G. W.
"	James Hutchinson,	R$^{t.}$ W. J$^{r.}$ G. Warden.
"	John Thomson,	R$^{t.}$ W. G. Treas.
"	William H. Adams,	" " G. Sec$^{y.}$

The R$^{t.}$ W. G. Master was pleased to announce the following appointments, viz:

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Bro. of the City of Lancaster, for the County of Lancaster.

Bro. W$^{m.}$ B. Potts of Orwigsburg, for the Counties of Schuylkill, Northampton & Carbon.

Bro. Joseph L. Stichter of Reading, for the County of Berks.

Bro. C. P. Gummert of Brownsville, for the Counties of Fayette, Greene & Washington.

Bro. Samuel M^{c}Kinley of Pittsburg, for Allegheny, Beaver & Westmoreland.

Bro. Benjamin Park of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin, Mifflin, Cumberland, Huntingdon, Franklin, Blair and Lebanon.

Bro. George C. Welker of Sunbury, for the Counties of Northumberland, Union, Clinton, Lycoming & Columbia.

Bro. Henry Pettibone of Wilkesbarre, for the Counties of Luzerne, Susquehanna, Wayne, Pike & Bradford.

Grand Chaplains.

Bro$^{s.}$ Rev$^{d.}$ John Chambers, Peter Van Pelt, Orson Douglass, Jn$^{o.}$ J. Kerr, Jn$^{o.}$ L. Burrows, W. W. Ducachet, Ezra Stiles Ely, Edmund Neville.

Bro.	C. C. Williams,	S$^{r.}$ G. Deacon.
"	George Griscom,	J$^{r.}$ G. Deacon.
"	James Simpson & William English,	Grand Stewards.

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Bro. Peter Williamson,	Grand Marshall.
" Jacob Steiner,	G. S. Bearer.
" Wm. B. Shultz,	G. Pursuivant.
" Wm. B. Schnider,	" Tyler.

Trustees of the Charity Fund.

Bros. George Griscom, John Bradley, John Allen, Tobias Buhler, & Jno. S. Kelly.

Committee of Finance.

Bros. Geo. Smith, A. E. Dougherty, George H. Oliver, J. R. Flanigan & S. D. Patterson.

Committee of Correspondence.

Bros. D. C. Skerritt, J. W. McGrath & W. S. Huysham.

Committee to revise the By Laws of Subordinate Lodges.

Bros. Jno. M. Read, James Page & William H. Adams.

Committee to examine the transactions of last Year & Select for Publication.

Bros. E. P. Lescure, William Clinton, Joshua Mitchell.

Hall Committee.

Bros. Charles McKaraher, Robert Patton and John C. Smith.

Committee on Land Marks.

Bros. B. Newcomb, J. R. Chandler & S. H. Perkins.

The Rt. W. G. Secretary appointed Bro. Jas. E. Richardson, Deputy Grand Secy. Which was unanimously approved by the Grand Lodge.

On Motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously Resolved, That R. W. P. G. Master Bro. Jas. Page be requested to furnish for publication a Copy of the Addresses delivered to the subordinate Lodges during his Grand Visitations also his valedictory delivered this day.

Resolved, That the Committee on Publications be directed to have the addresses delivered by P. G. M. Bro. James Page to the Subordinate Lodges during his Grand visitations, as well as his valedictory delivered this day, printed and done up in pamphlet form together with a list of the present elected & appointed officers.

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A Copy of which to be distributed to each member of the Grand Lodge in Correspondence with this Grand Lodge.

The following was submitted by the Grand Secretary and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is deeply sensible of the obligations they are under for the Services rendered by Bro. James Page, Esq., their late Grand Master in the various stations which he has filled in this Grand Lodge, and particularly for the able and impartial manner with which he discharged the duties of the high and responsible station which he has just left, and under whose auspecies and guardianship the Institution has almost risen to her former Strength and Splendour.

Therefore be it Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to Brother Ja^{s}. Page for the able, dignified, impartial and truly Masonic Manner in which he has performed the arduous duties of Grand Master during the whole of his Official term, expressing the hope that he will still Continue his brotherly advice and assistance. Conveying to him their best wishes for the prolongation of his useful life in health and happiness and when the journey of life shall be at an end, when the Silver cord shall be loosed and the Golden Bowl broken, may he be enabled to work an entrance into that better Grand Lodge whose builder and maker is God.

Resolved, that the Grand Officers be a committee to present to the late Grand Master a Copy of the foregoing preamble & Resolutions.

Bro. P. G. M. Ja^{s}. Page referred to the gratification he felt in Seeing among the number of visiting brethren present Past Grand Master Bro. W. G. Reese of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, one of the Shining lights of the Order and moved that he be elected an Honorary Member of this Grand Lodge. Which motion was unanimously agreed to and on its being announced to Brother Reese by the Grand Master he returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him in an eloquent and truly masonic address.

On Motion duly made and Seconded, a number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

General Returns were received from the following Lodges, read and ordered to be filed, viz:

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Montgomery Lodge, N°. 19 for 1847. 93 Members, 26 Initiations, 3 Adm^s., Bro^s. R— C. W—, G— D. K—, S— D. W, J— D. B— and H— J. G— as Suspended for N. p. of dues.

Officers. Bro. John Reynolds, Treas^r.
" Addison Hines, Sec^y.
" G. Parku Cummings, J^r. W.
" Ge°. K. Childs, S^r. W.
" John Bradley, W. M.

Lodge N°. 43, at Lancaster. 61 Members, 8 In., 6 added. Bro. Jacob Albright, reinstated. Bro^s. C— W—, B— B—, H— M—, P— A. S—, J— M—, S— S—, S— W—, A— N. B—, T— P—, S— H. H—, C— B—, M— S—, G— B—, J— J. P—, G— W. C—, G— S—, J— A—, Suspended for Non payment of Dues. H— M—, Farmer, G— L—, Carter, O— H—, Innkeeper, W— F. E—, do., P— S—, do., Rejected.

Officers. Bro. Cha^s. E. Wentz, W. M.
" John Auxer, S^r. W.
" Junius B. Kaufman, J^r. W.
" David King, Sec^y.
" George Wilson, Treas.

Lodge N°. 45, At Pittsburg. Members , In. , Adm^s.

Officers. Hamilton J. Rodgers, W. M.
James S. Hoon, S^r. W.
James Stephens, J^r. W.
Tho^s. W. Wright, Sec^y.
Dan^l. Zimmerman, Treas^r.

Lodge No. 59. 37 Members, 6 Ini^s., 3 adm^s. Bro. B— C—, J —B. C—, and S— B. H—, Suspended for N. P. of dues.

Officers. Edw^d. P. Barrington, W. M.; W^m. Chalmers, S^r. W.; James Gwynn, J^r. W.; Gavin Watson, Treas.; W^m. H. Adams, Sec^y.

Lodge No. 134. 42 Members, 17 Initiations, 7 adm^s.

Officers. Jn°. S. Hart, W. M.; Elijah H. Butler, S^r. W.; W^m. H. Klapp, J^r. W.; Robert P. King, Treas.; Robert M^cCulloch, Sec^y.

Lodge No. 186. 59 Members, 6 initiations, 7 adm^s. Bro. J— M. C—, Expelled for unmasonic conduct.

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Officers. William Russell, W. M.; Jn°. H. Gihon, S^r. W.; Ge°. F. Lewis, J^r. W.; George Smith, Treas^a.. George P. Little, Sec^y.

Lodge N°. 187. 49 Members, 6 In., 4 admissions. Bro. R— R—, C— J. H—, L— G—, G— M. W—, Suspended for Non payment of dues.

Officers. James Eadie, W. M.; Miles A. Loeser, S. W.; Henry Wilkinson, J^r. W.; Jas. Hickey, Treas^r.. David Rittenhouse, Sec^y.

Communications were received from the following Grand Lodges and referred to the Committee of Correspondence, viz: G. L. of the District of Columbia, Ohio, Iowa, Tennessee, Missouri.

An application was rece^d. and read from Bro^s. Jn°. S. Benezetl, Cha^s. S. Richea, Jn°. Bukey, Charles Riley, Jn°. H. Bispham, Ja^s. R. Scott petitioning for the revival and reorganization of Bristol Lodge, N°. 25, (all former Members) which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

On Motion and Seconded, a number of Brethren were admitted as visitors.

On Motion of Bro. Jn°. Thomson and Seconded, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Grand Masters Address as relates to the rent of the Chestnut St. Hall be referred to the Grand Officers with power to act. Appointments omitted.

Stewards of the Girard Charity Fund, Bro^s. Ja^s. E. Richardson, C. Dillman, Ja^s. Kelly, Ge°. K. Childs, M. Bouvier, Jn°. Thomas, G. Watson, Ja^s. Simpson, Leon Hyneman, Ab^m. West, Jn°. Neagle, W^m. W. Thomson, Jn°. M^cCloud, R. Vaux, E. P. Lescure, Jn°. Allen, Jn°. D. Moore, Edmund Barrington, James Hickey, Mathew Cartwright, Jacob Steiner.

Grand Lodge Closed in peace at 12 1/2 o'c.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

PHIL., Monday, Jany. 31, 5848.

Grand Lodge of Penns^a.. Special Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. Peter Fritz, R^t. W. G. M.
" William Whitney, " " D. G. M.

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Bro.	James Hutchinson,	R^t. W. S^r. G. W.
"	John Bradley,	" " J^r. G. W., p.t.
"	John Thomson,	" " G. T.
"	William H. Adams,	" " G. S.
"	Ja^s. E. Richardson,	D. G. Sec^y.
"	C. C. Williams,	S^r. G. Deacon.
"	Richard Vaux,	J^r. G. Deacon.
"	Michael Bouvier,	G. Marshal.
"	Jacob Steiner,	G. S. Bearer.
"	W^m. S. Shultz,	G. Pursuivant.

Bro^s. James Page, Josiah Randall & William Barger, P. G. M.

Lodges Represented.

Lodge	N°	2,	Bro^s	Hess, Richardson.
"	"	3,	"	M^cKaraher, King, Bilger, Robinson, Heysham, Skerritt, Page.
"	"	9,	"	Leach, Kelly, Creasy.
"	"	19,	"	Cummings, Reynolds, Randall, English, Patton, Bradley.
"	"	51,	"	Whitney, Bouvier, Baggs, Thomson, Israel.
"	"	52,	"	Ferguson, Robinson, Patton, Thomas.
"	"	59,	"	Gwynn, Chalmers, Barrington.
"	"	67,	"	Ward, Johnson, Baugh, Simpson, Smith, Hutchinson, Conrad, Russ.
"	"	71,	"	Golden, Meyers.
"	"	72,	"	Oliver, Williams, Chase, Barger, Gibson.
"	"	91,	"	Femington.
"	"	114,	"	Krider, Kelly, Coburn, Boyd, Sharp, Krim, Williamson, Thomson.
"	"	115,	"	Archambault, Glenart, Heimburger.
"	"	121,	"	Frazer, Davis, Mott, Vaux, Patterson, Levesteen, Fine.
"	"	125,	"	Maag, Steiner, Aichternacht.
"	"	130,	"	Sleeper, Shultz, Easby.
"	"	134,	"	McCulloch, Butler.
"	"	155,	"	Collins, Fritz, Bacon, Gaul, Bowen.
"	"	158,	"	Julius, Moore, Lowe, Jones.
"	"	186,	"	Corkrin, Stephens, Lewis, Barrington, Russell, Ziegler.

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Lodge N° 187, Bro^{s} Eadie, Rittenhouse, Heckey.
" " 211, " Cartwright, Singleton.

Thirty Lodges Represented. The Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at half past 6 O'clock, P. M.

The R$^{t.}$ W. Grand Master stated that he had called the Grand Lodge together in compliance with a request of a number of Brethren Members of the Grand Lodge.

The request alluded to was then read by the Grand Secretary, to wit:

Peter Fritz, Esq., Phil., Jan$^{y.}$ 15$^{th.}$ 1848.

Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the Commonwealth of Penns$^{a.}$ and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

Worshipful Sir and Bro.,

We the undersigned members of the Grand Lodge have ascertained from good authority that Bro$^{s.}$ Major Gen. Quitman & Brigadier Gen$^{l.}$ Shields purpose visiting this City, and we are desirous that you will Convene the Grand Lodge for the purpose of ascertaining the Sentiments of the same upon the propriety of extending to those distinguished Brethren and Soldiers (in a suitable manner) some mark of our Masonic regard for their Services to their Country and devotion to our order.

Jn$^{o.}$ W. M^{c}Grath, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 130; Tho$^{s.}$ B. Florence, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 3; W. S. Heysham, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 3; Ge$^{o.}$ D. Haswell, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 19; Josh$^{a.}$ Mitchell, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 91; J. A. Phillips, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 72; Rich$^{d.}$ Vaux, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 121; D. C. Skerritt, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 3; William Russell, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 186; Jo$^{s.}$ S. Riley, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 130; Ge$^{o.}$ H. Oliver, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 158; W$^{m.}$ S. Shultz, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 130; Jn$^{o.}$ J. Lougue, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 130; Mich$^{l.}$ Clemens, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 130; Ge$^{o.}$ Griscom, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 19; W$^{m.}$ King, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 3.

On Motion of Sam$^{l.}$ D. Patterson and Seconded by Jacob Steiner the following Resolutions were offered for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, "to wit":

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania recognizing Maj. Gen$^{l.}$ Quitman & Brig. Gen$^{l.}$ Shields as distinguished officers of the Army of the United States and worthy members of our order desire tendering to them a warm and fraternal welcome on their proposed visit to this City.

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Resolved, That a Committee of be appointed for the purpose of carrying this subject into effect by making arrangements for a Masonic festival.

Resolved, That the expenses attending said festival be defrayed by individual Subscriptions among the members of the order, who desire to participate in the mark of respect thus tendered to those distinguished brethren.

The first Resolution being read It was moved by Bro. Jn°. D. Moore and Seconded, that it be adopted. On the question being taken it was lost by a Vote of 56 to 26.

The Mover then withdrew the other Resolutions.

When the Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 7½ o'clock.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADA., Monday, Mar. 6, 1848, A. L. 5848.

Grand Lodge Penns^a., Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro^s.	Peter Fritz,	R^t. W. G. Master.
"	W^m. Whitney,	" " D. G. Master.
"	A. Bournonville,	" " S^r. G. Warden.
"	James Hutchinson,	" " J^r. G. Warden.
"	John Thomson,	" " G. Treas.
"	W^m. H. Adams,	" " G. Sec^y.
"	W^m. W. Thomson,	Dep. G. Sec^y., p. t.
"	C. C. Williams,	S^r. G. Deacon.
"	George Griscom,	J^r. G. Deacon.
"	Peter Williamson,	G. Marshal.
"	Jacob Steiner,	G. S. Bearer.
"	W^m. S. Shultz,	G. Pursuivant.
"	Bayse Newcomb, W^m. Barger, & James Page,	P. G. Masters.

Lodges Represented.

No.	2,	Bro. Hess.
"	3,	Bro^s Page, Bilger, King, M^cKaraher, Desilver, Thomson, Martin, Carter, Robinson.
"	9,	Bro^s Leach, Kelly, M^cMullin.
"	19,	Bro^s Bradley, Reynolds, Griscom, Childs.
"	51,	Bro^s Whitney, Thomson, Baggs, Bouvier, Workman.

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No. 52, Bro^{s} Thomas, Patton.
" 59, Bro^{s} Adams, Barrington, Gwynn, Davenport.
" 67, Bro^{s} Ja^{s} Hutchinson, Ward, Simpson, Smith, Russ, Conrad, Jo^{s} Hutchinson, Baugh, Wagner.
" 71, Bro^{s} Meyers, Hyneman, Frismuth, Weikel.
" 72, Bro^{s} Williams, Chase, Oliver, Barger, Phillips, Peacock.
" 91, Bro. Manning.
" 114, Bro^{s} Thomson, Coburn, Bruner, Kelly, Baxter, Williamson, Sharp.
" 115, Bro^{s} Diamond, Glenart, Newcomb, Shultz.
" 121, Bro^{s} Vaux, Mott.
" 125, Bro^{s} Bournonville, Aichternacht, Steiner, Rasche.
" 130, Bro^{s} Lescure, M^{c}Grath, W^{m} S. Shultz, Jacob Shultz, Sleeper.
" 134, Bro^{s} M^{c}Culloch, Williamson, Klapp.
" 155, Bro^{s} Fritz, Martin.
" 158, Bro^{s} Jones, Taylor, Moore.
" 186, Bro. Lewis.
" 187, Bro^{s} Wallis, Coates, Wilkinson.
" 211, Bro^{s} Page, Cartwright, Dorlan.

Proxies, Bro^{s} Whitney, Thomson, Adams, Simpson, Hyneman, Barger, Phillips, Vaux, Bournonville, M^{c}Culloch, Fritz.

Thirty-four Lodges Represented. Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 6¼ o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication Monday, Dec$^{r.}$ 6, 1847, were read & adopted.

The Minutes of the Annual Grand Communication Monday, Dce$^{r.}$ 27, 5847, were read & adopted.

The Minutes of the Special Grand Communication held Monday, January 31$^{st.}$ 5848, were read and adopted.

A Communication was received from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 153, dated Feb$^{y.}$ 26$^{th.}$ 1848, appointing Bro. R. W. Desilver, P. M. of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 67 Proxy of said Lodge.

On Motion duly made and seconded, the Communication was received & Bro. R. W. Desilver acknowledged as Proxy of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 153.

A Communication was received from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 62 dated Jan$^{y.}$ 8$^{th.}$ 1848, appointing Bro. Richard Vaux, Proxy of said Lodge.

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On motion duly made and Seconded, Bro. Richard Vaux was acknowledged as such.

An Extract from the Minutes of Lodge N°. 224, dated Dec^r. 22, 1847, was read asking the Grand Lodge to Sanction the change of the Lodges name from "Mahoning" to "Danville."

Which on Motion was agreed to.

A Copy of the By Laws of Lodges N°. 187 and 223 were presented and referred to the Committee on By Laws.

A Communication was received from the Grand Lodge of New York dated Jan^y. 5848.

Transmitting a list of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of the State together with a list of the regular Lodges under its Jurisdiction.

The object of the Communication is to Guard the Grand & Subordinate Lodges against the clandestine Masons infesting the City of New York, hailing under S^t. Johns Grand Lodge a body of Expelled Masons, and requesting that a Copy of the Communication be sent to every Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the G. Lodge of Pa.

On Motion duly made and Seconded the Communication was received and ordered to be filed and the Grand Secretary directed to furnish each Subordinate Lodge under this Jurisdiction with a Copy as requested by the Grand Lodge of New York.

A Communication was received from Wyoming Lodge, N°. 61, at Wilkesbarre, dated Jan^y. 5, 1848, as follows:

Whereas, at a stated meeting of Lodge N°. 61, held Jan^y. 17, 1848, a Letter from the G. Sec^y. of the G. Lodge of Penns. to D. D. G. M. Henry Pettebone was read in open Lodge informing the Lodge of certain irregularities in the work of the order, with respect to the mode of conducting the Election held at the last Stated Meeting of the Lodge & Whereas, This Lodge believes that it has erred by proceeding in a different manner from that communicated as correct by the G. Sec^y. therefore be it resolved, That this Lodge entertains the highest degree of respect for the Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penns^a. & is bound to obey its commands & instructions as they are acknowledged to eminate from a Superior for the benefit of its Subordinates.

Resolved further That this Lodge recognize the instructions communicated by the Grand Secretary as bearing an official authority derived from the R. W. G. Lodge.

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Resolved further that this Lodge request the R^t. W. G. Master to grant a dispensation to this Lodge, to hold a new election for officers of Lodge N^o. 61 for the current term conformably with the ancient usages of the order.

When on motion the Lodge proceeded to consider the preamble & Resolutions and on motion they were unanimously agreed to.

On Motion duly made and Seconded, a New Election was ordered.

A Communication was received from Wm. B. Potts and a list of Dispensations to Pass the chair & to E. P. & Raise from Dec. 19^th, 1846, to Dec. 26^th, 1847, and the amt. received by him for the same $165, which was ordered to be filed.

A Return was received from Bro. Ge^o. C. Welker of two dispensations to Pass the chair issued by him during the Year 1847 amt^d. to Ten dollars. Ordered to be filed.

A Return was received from Bro. Benj^n. Park, D. D. G. M., for dispensation issued during the Year 1847 amounting to One hundred dollars. Ordered to be filed.

A Return was also received from Bro. Benj^n. Park Shewing the organization of Mount Lebanon Lodge, N^o. 226, at Lebanon, Leb^n. County, Penns^a., on the 31^st of January, 1848. Ordered to be filed.

A Return was also received from Bro. Sam^l. M^cKinley for dispensations issued from Dec. 2^d. 1847, to February 17, 1848, Amounting to Seventy two dollars. Ordered to be filed.

An application was received from a number of brethren residing in Meadville, Crawford County, Pa., petitioning for the revival of Lodge No. 146, at that place. Which was on motion referred to Grand Officers with power to act.

An application was received from nine brethren of the late Lodge No. 192, for the revival at Bellefonte, Center County, Penns^a., Which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An application was received from a number of brethren at Montrose, Susquehanna County, Penns., for the revival of Lodge N^o. 149, formerly held at that place. Which was referred to the G. Officers with power to act.

An application was received from Bro^s. W^m. M. Evans, Stephen W. Negus, Alex. M. Macpherson, F. Blackstone and W^m.

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E. Whelan, members of the late Lodge N°. 126 for the revival of said Lodge and nominating Bro. Stephen W. Negus, W. Master; Bro. W^m. E. Whelan, S^r. Warden; Bro. Alex. M. Macpherson, J^r. W.

On Motion duly made and seconded, the prayor of the petitioners was granted.

A Communication was received from a number of brethren members of Lodge N°. 201, at Mauch Chunck, stating that they had discontinued the Labours of the Lodge in consequence of many of the Members residing at too great a distance from the place of meeting they also petition for permission to resume their labours and a reduction in the Initiation fee.

All of which was referred to the G. Officers with power to act.

A Petition was received from Bro^s. J. O. D. Lilly, Dan^l. H. Feger, David E. Stout, Robert Caldwell & S. E. Ancona of Lodge N°. 62 & Jacob F. Greiner of Lodge N°. 57, Ohio, for A New Lodge at Reading, Penns., to be Called Chandler Lodge & nominating Bro. John O. D. Lilly, first W. M.; Bro. Dan^l. H. Feber, first S^r. W. & Bro. Jacob F. Greiner, first J^r. Warden.

Said Petition being in due form and properly recommended was on motion duly made and Seconded, Granted, to be numbered Two Hundred & twenty Seven.

A Petition for a New Lodge at Union Town, Fayette County, Penns., was received and read Signed by Bro^s. Jn°. Irons late of Lodge N°. 153, Pa., Zalmon Ludington, N°. 82, New York, James Piper, N°. 47, Ohio, Samuel Bryon, N°. 197, Carlisle, Pa., P. U. Hook, N°. 60, Brownsville, Pa., Sam^l. E. Babcock, N°. 101, Va., Jn°. M^cCaen, N°. 655, Ireland, Moses Sheehan, N°. 153, Pa., William Dorran, N°. 60, Pa., John Keffer, N°. 45, Pittsburg, and recommending Bro. John Irons, first W. M.; Zalmon Ludington, first S^r. W.; Bro. James Piper, first J^r. W., of Fayette Lodge. Said Petition being in due form and properly recommended was granted, to be numbered two Hundred & twenty Eight.

A Petition was received from a number of Brethren in Bridgwater, Beaver County, Pa., for a New Warrant which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

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A Petition was received from Bro$^{a.}$ Jn$^{o.}$ O'Brien, of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 158, And$^{w.}$ C. Vanclaim, N$^{o.}$ 62, Stephen Taylor, N$^{o.}$ 72, M. S. Bulkley, N$^{o.}$ 187, Tho$^{s.}$ Farrell, N$^{o.}$ 187, Cha$^{s.}$ W. Cook, N$^{o.}$ 187, Barnet C. Browers, N$^{o.}$ 62, Henry Mather, N$^{o.}$ 130, praying for a New Lodge at Richmond, Phil. County, Pa., to be called Richmond Lodge and nominating Bro. Stephen Taylor, first Worshipful Master; Bro. Henry Mather, first S$^{r.}$ W.; Bro. Marcius S. Bulkly, first J$^{r.}$ Warden.

Said Petition being in proper form and duly recommended was granted to be numbered Two Hundred & thirty.

A Petition from a New German Lodge at Pittsburg, Penns$^{a.}$ (to be called Solomon Lodge) numerously Signed and recommended was received, read and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A Report was received and read from the Committee appointed on Charges made by Bro. J— T— against Bro. J. H. I—, which was recommitted to said Committee.

The following Report was received, read and ordered to be filed, "to wit":

To the R$^{t.}$ W. G. Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

The undersigned Committee on Publications beg leave to report That agreeably to the Resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge on S$^{t.}$ Johns day last they employed Bro. Tho$^{s.}$ S. Manning to print in pamphlet form 800 Copies of the addresses delivered by P. G. M. Bro. Page to the Subordinate Lodges during his Grand Visitations as well as his Valedictory delivered on that day together with a list of the Elected and appointed officers.

The whole of which having been completed are placed in the hands of the G. Sec$^{y.}$ for distribution.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. E. P. Lescure,
W$^{m.}$ Clinton, Committee.

Mar. 6^{th,} 1848.

The following report from the Hall Committee was received and ordered to be filed.

To the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Hall Committee Report that Since their last communication they have attended to the duties assigned them. And

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are pleased to remark that no expenses beyond the ordinary wants for the Hall have been required. The same number of apartments continue occupied as last year, and the rents punctually paid. There has been collected by the Committee Three Hundred and Seventy five Dollars and paid over to the Grand Treasurer as Statement handed to the Grand Secy. All of which is most respectfully Submitted.

Phil., Mar. 3d, 1848.

Signed. C. McKaraher,
Jno. C. Smith, Committee.

The following Report was received, read and adopted, viz:

To the Grand Lodge of Penns^{a}.

The Committee on By Laws respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the By Laws of Lodge No. 187, and recommend their adoption after striking out of Article 2nd the words "In case any one of the offices become vacant by Death, resignation or otherwise the Master shall appoint an officer to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term thereof.

Strike out of Article 3rd In case any officer is absent from his place or station he shall call on some member to discharge temporarily the duties of the Same if at the time a Sufficient number of Members properly qualified is present in the Lodge.

The Committee further report that the By Laws of Lodge No. 223, at Allegheny City, have been carefully examined and finding them to conform to the regulations of the Grand Lodge recommend their adoption.

Respectfully Submitted.
Signed. Jas. Page,
Wm. H. Adams, Come.

The following Report from the Committee of Grand Officers was received and approved, viz:

To the Grand Lodge of Penns^{a}.

The Grand Officers to whom was referred the application from the New Lodge at Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Penns^{a}., for the use of the regalia belonging to the Lodge formerly held there beg leave to report that after carefully considering the subject agreed to grant their petition.

Signed by the G. Officers,
Committee.

Mar. 6, 1848.

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The following was received and referred to Past Grand Masters Bro$^{a.}$ Newcomb, Barger & Page.

Phil., Feb$^{y.}$ 21, 1848.

To W$^{m.}$ H. Adams,
R$^{t.}$ W. G. Sec$^{y.}$ G. L. of Pa.
D$^{r.}$ Sir & Bro.,

The following Resolution was on Motion & Seconded, unanimously Adopted at a Meeting of Phoenix Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 130, held at Masonic Hall, South 3rd St., Wednesday evening, February 16$^{th.}$ A. L. 5848.

Resolved, That the representatives of this Lodge be directed to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that there has been for a number of Years in the hands of Past Grand Master Bro. Jn$^{o.}$ M. Read, a sum of money raised by Subscription for the purpose of procuring a portrait of Bro$^{s.}$ Franklin & Lafayette, that the said Portrait has never been purchased and request the Grand Lodge to appoint a Committee to examine into the matter and ask P. G. Master Jn$^{o.}$ M. Read to account for the same.

Extract from the Minutes.

Signed. W$^{m.}$ S. Shultz,
Sec$^{y.}$ Lodge N$^{o.}$ 130.

A Communication was received from a Number of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana & Referred to the Committee on Land Marks.

The following was received, read and ordered to be filed, viz:

To W$^{m.}$ H. Adams.

Dr. Sir,

I have since the receipt of your Notice, &c., Thrown together some remarks growing out of your Communication which do me the favour to present to the Grand Lodge at your meeting this Evening.

May I beg you to read them.

faithfully & Truly
Your friend and Serv$^{t.}$
W$^{m.}$ J. Reese.

Phil., March 4$^{th.}$ 1848.

R$^{t.}$ Worshipful Brother,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your official Communication advising me that I was unanimously Elected

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an Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of Penns[a]. at the Annual Grand Communication of that Body held at Philad[a]. on the 27[th] day of Dec., A. L. 5847.

It was my priviledge on that occasion to be present for the first time in my life at a meeting of the Grand Lodge of my native State, and to associate with its members of the Fraternity of My Native City.

Whatever I have learned Sir of Masonry has been taught me within the walls of the Lodges of Ohio, "The beautiful Oriental light" there first broke in upon my "path of darkness" and there also, actuated as I believe by a "laudable curiosity" I pressed onward and upward in the exploration of the hidden Mysteries of Masonry until I was permitted to sit in the Templar's chair.

It will Scarcely be supposed during the long period of my absence that I did not often turn with Yearning and affectionate interest to the doings of my brethren at Home.

In the distant Western States there are many who like myself hailing from this good old commonwealth have been accustomed to rejoice in every evidence, demonstrative of its prosperity whether social, political or Masonic, who have watched with the deepest solicitude its numerous domestic trials & rejoiced over the triumphs of its progressive and exalted destiny.

Separated though they be yet in heart and affection, they feel that they are still the children, and like the continental Emigrant they Send their pilgrim thoughts to the distant "Father Land."

Under the influence of such impulsive feelings as these, I am free to confess Sir, that when at your last meeting the distinguished compliment of "Honorary Membership" in your Grand Lodge was in so flattering a Manner propounded, ratified and announced to me, I felt the total inadequacy of language to express my grateful appreciation of it, for most sensible am I, that it is *no* ordinary honor to be associated in Membership with the many eminent names that adorn your records, names illustrious for their actions in the field and in the Cabinet, in the Senate, the Pulpit, at the Bar and in the ranks of Philanthrophy, intelect and worth. Among a host of others there are perhaps few more endeared to the Fraternity of the States than

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Him whose portrait hangs upon your walls. I allude of course to your own *Girard, Merchant, Mariner* and *Mason.* The Noble bequest he committed to your keeping for Masonic charitable purposes has made *his,* an honored and familiar name in every Grand & Subordinate Lodge in the union; while the Magnificent Structural, unsurpassed in architectural Symmetry and elegance by any production of ancient Greece or Rome at once the greatest ornament and pride of his adopted City will carry it down the Stream of Years hallowed by the blessings of the Widow and the Orphans, for centuries of time to come.

To claim the right of association *with such* a Membership is indeed an honor that any man might be proud to possess.

While then, I feel profoundly grateful, for the courteous distinction that has been conferred upon me, I cannot for a moment forget that I owe it entirely to the official station heretofore held by me, among the Fraternity in Ohio. For many consecutive years their kind and generous confidence invested me with the Supreme government of that Masonic Jurisdiction, which was only severed by my removal from that State.

If during this long period, any thing of distinctive merit has been allotted to my administration among my brethren abroad, I can only say that the Members of that Grand Lodge are more justly entitled to it than myself.

Loyal and faithful to the principles of the order, wedded to its ancient constitutions and Scrupulously adhering to its time honoured *Land Marks* they have pursued the even, but onward tenor of their March, until they have now a representation if not among the first certainly *Seconded to none* of their Sister Lodges in point of respectability and influence.

In adverting to my connection with this Masonic Government, I will surely be pardoned, if I have expressed the unalloyed gratification & pleasure with which it is associated in my recollections.

Truer & more devoted friends, I can never hope to meet again on Earth, and to know that during my long official Ministrations among them, I possessed their affectionate unshaken confidence to the last, is one of the most cherished & pleasing reflections of my life.

I cannot ever expect again to participate so actively in the labors of the Lodge Room, yet in availing myself of the dis-

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tinctive privileges your Elevated Body has bestowed upon me, I will feel it both a pleasure and a duty to meet my brethren in Masonry, as a humble labourer & co-worker, whenever necessity requires & opportunity permits.

In the touching valedictory address pronounced by the Eminent and enlightened Brother on last St. Johns day, as he retired from the Grand Mastership of your Lodge which he had filled with so much of honor to himself and of usefulness to the Craft, he took occasion to congratulate them upon the prosperous condition of Masonry within his extensive Jurisdiction.

I felt while listening to his eloquent remarks a gush of kindred emotion and Sympathy. Knowing how much similar causes have produced similar results in other fields of labor. I speak particularly of the distant Western States, with whose Masonic history I am more intimately acquainted.

Like your own Sir they two have had their days of trial and their Seasons of depression and despondency.

The bad passions of bad Men for a time obtained over them the dominancy, and under the influence of a distorted popular opinion the banners of the "Old Institution" trailed in the dust. I have myself Witnessed a period when in my own jurisdiction, there had settled down upon our Lodges a frozen feeling of apathy, and indifference, and there was gathered around them a thick darkness as a funeral pall.

But the night of inactivity speedily passed away, and now in every portion of those distant lands, up the Waters of the Missouri for a Thousand Miles, and over that magnificient stretch of country through which the Father Rivers winds his way to the deeper & broader Ocean, there are to be met *Every Where* Lodges & Chapters & Encampments of our order. Even upon the remotest frontiers of civilization, our hardy and enterprizing brethren have planted "the Greater and the lesser lights" and the sound of the gavel is known.

Prejudice has subsided, Ignorance has fled and the principles of Masonry have triumphed.

In a wonderful short period of time this great and rapid change has been effected, with scarcely any Concerted action, simultaneous, universal and God grant that it may be permanent.

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Never in any period of its history for the last Thousand Years, has the Masonic Institution so much attracted the respect & veneration of Mankind. The Society is now as Elevated in point of dignity and intellect as are the requirements necessary to Comprehend the vast range of its hidden Science. It has sometimes occurred to me in view of its present lofty position, that the God of our Fathers, who has benignantly Smiled upon our beloved institution through so many changes and troubles, Specially protecting and guarding its members, for they have been persecuted, but never abandoned, dispersed but not destroyed, they have been pursued with faggot and fire, hunted with hound & horse. Yet under every visissitude preserving their integrity, their allegiance, their loyalty and their *traditionary knowledge,* pure from the fountain head. I say in view of all these startling facts, it has sometimes seemed to me that *Him* who has so marvelously preserved the Institution unharmed and unscathed, where decrepitude and decay is the allotment of all earthly things, May have graciously intended through its instrumentality to bring about a destiny of Majestic importance and that it may be even Vouchsafed to us in these eventful times when the doings of centuries past are transcended by the operations of a single day, to witness its Crowning consumation and to acknowledge with humble but grateful hearts that before the Glory and moral excellance of the latter Temple the blazing golden gorgeousness of the First, is pale and lusterless.

That the Institution has been sustained in a manner almost Miraculous, the most skeptical will admit, and its sudden and brilliant resuscitation from the Slumber of Years, is cause both of marvel & astonishment. We are living Sir, in Strange and as I have said, most eventful times, the foundations of antiquity upheaved, Mind is grappling with Mind and the thought which is generated travels upon the Lightning's wings. Every fibre of the frame work of Social intercourse is vibrating and in motion, change, rapid and sudden, is written upon all sublunary movements, and variance of opinion is producing Estrangement of feeling, if not disruption and dislocation of ties in all the associated relations of Life.

The jarring elements that are at work will doubtless be hushed to peace when they shall have accomplished their ap-

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pointed End, but human agency is employed to bring about Providential designs.

Doubtless there will come a period of deep, profound and quiet calm; but there must first go abroad & settle down upon the hearts and affections of Men, an influence, vast, universal, conservative and above suspicion, and where among all the associations under Heaven is there one so singularly endowed for such a purpose as our own!

Its principles are pure therefore Eternal. God Jevovah! as He has revealed himself to his creatures is the alone object of its constituted Worship, and around the altars we erect to his ineffable Name, there we gather together, as a sacred, solemn Brotherhood, the Men of every climate and country and religion and creed on the broad earth. There is therefore unity in its essence and oneness in its Strength, and surely it is not either fanciful or irreverent to suppose that the same Almighty Being who has blessed and protected it in all the vicissitudes of its lengthened life, may have appointed that through its instrumentality and *its* conservative *universal* influence, there may be accelerated some mighty movement in which the whole family of man shall be blessed.

If *such* a supposition in its remotest bearings assumes the aspect of rationality, how condecending and gracious is the opportunity which it presents, and how solemn & tremendous are the responsibilities involved in it!

But I feel that I have too long trespassed upon your time by remarks so extensive. In conclusion then I beg Sir through you to assure the Exalted Masonic Body, whose official Organ you are, that when I shall communicate to the M. W. G. Lodge of Ohio, the pleasing incidents of the 27th of December "ult," when I shall announce to them the honor you have bestowed, and the privileges you have conferred upon me, because of my identification with their past history, they will feelingly sympathise in the occurrence and consider the honor awarded to me, as but a reflection back upon them, and it will be the means if such a thing *were* possible of fixing an additional Rivit in that Mystic triple bond of fraternity, which neither time, nor distance, nor Country, nor Sectional prejudice nor *any other cause*

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save the ceasing to pulsate of the human heart, can ever Even Separate or Sunder.

I am R. W. Sir
Faithfully & fraternally
Your friend & Servt.,
Wm. J. Reese,
P. Grand Master, G. L. of Ohio.

To Rt. W. Wm. H. Adams,
G. Secy. G. L. of Pa.

The following was received, read and referred to Bros. J. A. Phillips, Alex. Diamond & Geo. D. Patton as a Special Committee, viz:

R. Wilson Desilver, Bookseller, &c., offers to take the Lot of Ahiman Rezons now on hand say 650 copies more or less at 40 cents in Sheets, payable in two payments of Four and Six Months, agreeing to furnish to the Grand Lodge any number of Copies they may want at the cost price adding 25 cents for Binding.

The Grand Lodge binding themselves not to print another addition until the present one is sold and then to give me the preference of printing the same.

I further offer for the lot of Chandlers address Say Six Hundred more or less 20 cents in sheets, payable in Six Months, agreeing to furnish to the Grand Lodge any number of Copies they may want at cost.

The Rt. W. Grand Master stated that on Thursday, February 10th, 1848, he proceeded to Bristol, Penns.. accompanied by the Grand Officers and Several brethren Members of the Grand Lodge.

Reopened and reorganized Bristol Lodge, No. 25, Installed the Officers and set them to work.

The Officers Installed as above are Bro. Raschia, W. M., John Phillips, Sr. W., Jas. R. Scott, Jr. W.

Printed Communications were Received from the following Grand Lodges and referred to the Committee on foreign Correspondence, to wit:

Grand Lodge of The District of Montreal & William Henry, Canada, Georgia, Michigan, Maryland, Vermont, Virginia, N. Carolina, Dist. of Columbia, New Jersey.

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On Motion Seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted during the Evening.

The following Communication was received from Lodge N°. 62, at Reading, Penns^a., and referred to the Grand Officers, viz:

At a Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 62, held at Reading, on Wednesday Evening, January 5^th. 5848, the following was passed, viz:

On Motion it was Resolved, that application be made to the R^t. W. Grand Lodge of Penns^a. to permit H. A. M. Filbert, Augustus Feather, John Fabian & William Karns to have another ballot.

Extract from the Minutes.

Attest:

Signed. W^m. Betz, Secretary.

General Returns were received from the following Lodges. Ordered to be entered and filed.

From Lodge N^os. 2 & 3 at Philad^a.; 21, Harrisburg; 22, Sunbury; 51 & 52, Philad^a.; 60, Brownsville; 61, Wilkesbarre; 62, Reading; 67 & 71, Philad^a.; 75, Phoenixville; 81, Germantown; 91, Philad^a.; 106, Williamsport; 108, Towanda; 114, 121, 125 & 130, Philad^a.; 135, Manayunk; 138, Orwigsburg; 143, Chambersburg; 148, Northumberland; 152, Easton; 153, Greensburg; 155 & 158, Philad^a.; 164, Washington; 190, Norristown; 194, Selins Grove; 197, Carlisle; 199, Lock Haven; 203, Lewistown; 211, Kensington; 216, Pottsville; 218, Honesdale; 219 & 221, Pittsburg; 222, Minersville; 223, Allegheny C^y.; 224, Danville; 163, Monroeton.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

Philad^a., April 17^th. 5848.

Grand Lodge of Penns^a., Extra Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro^a. Peter Fritz,		R^t. W.	G. Master.
" W^m. Whitney,		" "	D. G. Master.
" A. Bournonville,		" "	S^r. G. Warden.

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Bro^{s}. Jn^{o}. W. M^{c}Grath,	R^{t}. W. J^{r}. G. Warden, P.T.
" John Thomson,	" " G. Treas^{r}.
" Wm. H. Adams,	" " G. Sec^{y}.
" Ja^{s}. E. Richardson,	Dep. G. Sec^{y}.
" Peter Williamson,	S^{r}. G. Deacon.
" Rich^{d}. Vaux,	J^{r}. G. Deacon, P. T.
" C. C. Williams,	G. Marshall.
" Jacob Steiner,	G. Sword Bearer.
" Wm. S. Shultz,	G. Pursuivant.
" Newcomb, Perkins, Page,	P. G. Masters.
" H. W. Ducachet,	G. Chaplains.

Lodges Represented.

N° 3, Bro^{s} Desilver, Skerritt, Carter, Heysham, Martin, Florence, Page, Robinson, Bilger, Thomson, King, English.
N° 2, James E. Richardson.
N° 9, Knight, Leach, Kelly.
N° 19, Haswell, Cummings, Childs, Thornly, Hines, Bradley, Hodges, Reynolds.
N° 51, Whitney, Thomson, Baggs, Workman, Bouvier.
N° 52, Robinson, Patten, Ferguson, Wagner, Thomas.
N° 59, Adams, Davenport, Gwynn.
N° 61, Jesse Line.
N° 67, Ward, Smith, Simpson, Wagner, Reese, Baugh, Vanosten.
N° 72, Williams, Barger, Oliver, Gibson, Chase, West, Coleman, Peacock.
N° 91, Perkins, Manning.
N° 114, Sharp, Kelly, Thomson, Krider, Baxter.
N° 115, M^{c}Cloud, Newcomb, Diamond, Heimberger.
N° 121, Vaux, Fraser.
N° 125, Bournonville, Steiner, Raschea.
N° 130, Shultz, M^{c}Grath, Easby, Sleeper.
N° 134, Williamson, M^{c}Culloch, Hart, Klapp, Butler, Roney.
N° 155, Fritz, Martin.
N° 158, Lowe.
N° 186, Barrington, Lewis.
N° 187, Wallace, Hecky, Hilt.
N° 211, Cartwright.

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Proxies, W^m Whitney, Peter Fritz, A Bournonville, Jn^o Thomson, W^m H. Adams.

Thirty One Lodges Represented, Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 7 O'clock P. M.

A Special Communication was received from Lodge N^o. 121 stating that J— A— had been expelled at a Stated Meeting of said Lodge Ap^l. 15^th. 1848, for unmasonic conduct and a request to Communicate the same to the various Grand Lodges with whom our Grand Lodge is in correspondence.

On Motion the Grand Secretary was directed to comply with the request of Lodge No. 121.

General Returns were received from Lodges No. 220, at Hollidaysburg and 225, at Greensburg, and ordered to be entered and filed.

An application from a number of Brethren for a New Warrant at Jersey Shore, Lycoming County, Penns., was read and being in due form and properly recommended was on motion duly made & Seconded, Granted. Bro. Jn^o. A. Gamble, W. M.; George Crane, S^r. Warden; S. Winchester, first J^r. Warden.

A petition was also received from a Number of Brethren at Pittston Ferry, Luzerne County, Penns., for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at that place to be called S^t. Johns Lodge, and nominating Bro. W^m. S. Reddin, W. M.; Thomas Fulley, S^r. W., & Richard A. Oakford, J^r. W., the application being in proper form & duly recommended was on motion duly Seconded, Granted.

A Petition for the revival of Lodge No. 156, was read and on motion was referred to the Grand officers with power to act.

A Communication was received from the Grand Lodge of New York, dated Mar. 15, 1848, Stating that J— L. S— had been Suspended from Albion Lodge, No. 26, for non payment of dues.

On Motion duly made and Seconded, the Grand Secretary was directed to notify all of the Subordinate Lodges under this Jurisdiction of the same.

A Communication was received from Lodge No. 59 containing amendments to the By Laws which was referred to the Committee on By Laws.

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A Communication was received from Lodge No. 61, stating the Expulsion of E— K. E— from said Lodge on Mar. 13th, 1848.

On Motion the Grand Secy. was directed to notify the Lodges of the same.

The Rt. W. Grand Master Stated that the Grand Lodge had been convened in relation to the Hall in Chestnut Street, a difficulty having occurred between Lessee of the Hall and Committee in regard to the Rent. He being considerably in arrears a levy had been made upon the property in the Hall. He considered it his duty to convene the G. Lodge, not that he was unwilling to take the responsibility but because he desired to have the action of the Grand Lodge upon a Communication which the Grand Officers had received from Mr. E. Peal.

The Grand Secretary read the following Communication, "viz":

Phil., April 10, 1848.

To the Grand Lodge of Pa.

I respectfully ask an extension of my indebtedness to the Grand Treasurer of Six months, and offer to pay to him or order one clear third of my Gross receipts until the amount now due is paid, the said third to be paid nightly if required, and further authorize the Grand Treasurer to sell or cause to be sold the Stock in Cincinnati Institute now held by him as coll. Security.

Very respectfully,

Signed. Edmd. Peal.

I have forgotten to mention that I will relinquish all my contingent interest to the Stores in front of Museum.

Signed. Edm. Peale.

To P. Fritz, Esq.

The Grand Treasurer made the following Communication, to wit:

Mr. Peales indebtedness on the first instant was $2657.25 against which I hold as a collateral 21 shares of the Medical Institute of Cincinnatti which I understand will now sell for $400.

I also hold 20 Shares of a copper stock Co. (the value of which I am unable to state) there is also some allowance to be made to Mr. Peale on account of expenses incurred at one time

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the Sum of 500$ which if now allowed would make the actual Sum now at issue, without taking the Copper Stock into Consideration, $1757.25.

On Motion of Bro. Thos. B. Florence and Seconded, the following Resolution was offered, viz:

Resolved, That a Committee of be appointed of which Bro. P. G. M. Newcomb he appointed chairman, to whom shall be referred the communication from Mr. Edmd. Peale with power to take measures as they in their discretion may think proper to promote the interest of this Grand Lodge.

On Motion of Bro. Jno. C. Smith it was amended so as to read that it be referred to the Grand Officers with direction to proceed and sell, Which was lost.

It was then moved by Bro. Richard Vaux & Seconded that the Committee report to the Grand Lodge before action, Which was lost.

It was then moved by Bro. Robt. Fraser and seconded, that the matter be referred to the Grand Officers without any Conditions or instructions whatever, which was lost.

The following was then offered as a Substitute for Bro. Florences Resolution and adopted, "to wit":

Resolved, that a Committee of Five be appointed to act in conjunction with the Grand Officers to whom shall be referred the Communication from Mr. Edmd. Peale with power to take such measures as they in their discretion may think proper to promote the interest of this Grand Lodge.

The Rt. W. Grand Master appointed Bros. B. Newcomb, Richard Vaux, William Marger, James Page & Thos. B. Florence Committee in conjunction with G. Officers.

The Rt. W. Grand Master Stated that on April 4th, 1848, he proceeded to Richmond accompanied by the Grand Officers and a Number of Brethren and organized Lodge No. 230, and Installed the Officers in Ancient form.

The following was received, read, approved and filed, viz:
To the Grand Lodge of Penns.

The Grand Officers a Committee to whom was referred the application from Lodge No. 62, at Reading, for permission to have another ballot in H. A. M. F—, A— F—, J— F— & W— K— rejected applicants for Initiation and Membership in

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said Lodge respectfully report, That after carefully considering the subject came to the conclusion that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed by Peter Fritz,
Wm. Whitney,
April 17, 1848. A. Bournonville, Committee.

The following Report was received and approved, "viz":
To the Grand Lodge of Pennsa.

The Grand Officers a Committee to whom was referred Sundry Communications beg leave respectfully to report,

That they have carefully attende to the duty assigned them and submit the following for the approval of the Grand Lodge.

The application from Brethren hailing from Lodges No. 146, 149 and 192 for revival & reorganization, &c., were refused on the Ground that the Lodges had long ceased to work; the Warrant, Jewels & other property of the Lodge not having been returned to the Grand Lodge in accordance with the Ahiman Rezon, &c., and that Similar cases have been already decided by the Grand Lodge.

Mauch Chunck Lodge's application for remission of dues, &c., &c., was refused on the Ground that their dues had been remitted two Years since and it was inexpedient & making Masonry too cheap to reduce the Initiation fee as low as petitioned for.

The applicant for a new Warrant at Pittsburg appearing correct was granted.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. J. Hutchinson, Peter Fritz,
Jno. Thomson, Wm. Whitney,
Wm. H. Adams, A. Bournonville, Committee.

Phil., Apl. 17, 1848.

The following Report from the Committee on By Laws was read and approved, "viz":
To the Grand Lodge of Pennsa.

The Com. on By Laws respectfully report, that they have examined the alterations and amendments made in the By Laws of Lodge No. 59 and not finding any thing contrary to the

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established usages and customs of the order respectfully recommend their adoption.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed. Jas. Page,

Phil., Apl. 17, 1848. Wm. H. Adams, Com.

Printed Communications were received from the Grand Lodges of South Carolina, Florida & Alabama and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West.

A Communication was read from Bro. Wm. R. Power in relation to the rejection of M— N— in Lodge No. 3.

After some discussion said Communication was permitted to be withdrawn.

A Communication was received and read in relation to the revival of Lodge No. 156, at Chestnut Level, Lancaster Coy.

Referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A Return was received from Saml. McKinley, D. D. G. Master, shewing the organization of Lodge No. 229, at Bridgewater, Beaver County, Penna., April 14, 5848, and the Installation of Officers in ancient form, and the organization of Lodge No. 231, at Pittsburg, Pa., and the Installation of Officers in ancient form April 14th, 5848.

Which were ordered to be filed.

On Motion a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors during the Evening.

Philada., June 5th, 5848.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. Peter Fritz,	Rt. W. G. M.
" Wm. Whitney,	" " D. G. M.
" A. Bournonville,	" " Sr. G. W.
" Jas. Hutchinson,	" " Jr. G. W.
" John Thomson,	" " G. Treasr.
" Wm. H. Adams,	" " D. G. Secy.
" Jas. E. Richardson,	D. G. Secy.
" C. C. Williams,	Sr. G. Deacon.
" Geo. Griscom,	Jr. G. Deacon.

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Bro. Peter Williamson, G. Marshall.
" W. S. Shultz, G. Pursuivant.
Bro Newcomb and Page, P. G. Masters.
" Douglass Ely, G. Chaplains.

Lodges Represented.

No. 2, Richardson, Hess.
" 3, Heysham, Desilver, Thomson, Bilger, M^cKaraher, Robinson, Martin, Florence.
" 9, Barton, Kelly, Leach, M^cMullin.
" 19, Bradley, Griscom, Cummings, Thornly, Reynolds, Hidges.
" 52, Robinson, Ferguson, Patton.
" 59, Adams.
" 67, Hutchinson, Smith, Reese.
" 71, Vancollum, Hyneman, Golden, Parham, Horner.
" 72, Williams, West, Gibson, Peacock, Chase.
" 114, Thomson, Bruner, Kelly, Sharp, Williamson.
" 115, Shultz, Heimberger, Newcomb, M^cCloud, Alex. E. Dougherty.
" 121, Davis, Fine, & Mott.
" 125, Bournonville, Schmidt, Aichternacht.
" 126, Page, Fergus.
" 130, Shultz, M^cGrath, Easby.
" 134, Hart, Butler, Williamson, Klapp, McCulloch.
" 155, Fritz, Jackson, Wilkinson.
" 158, Jones, Julius.
" 186, Barrington, Lewis.
" 187, Leoser.
" 211, Page, Hall, Cartwright, Singleton.

Country Lodges.

N° 25, Rechia, Benezett.
" 221, Wilson.
" 226, Dehuff, Lineweaver, Weidle.
" 227, Frazer.
" 230, Taylor.

Proxies, Bro^s Fritz, Whitney, Bournonville, Thomson, Adams, Page, M^cCulloch, Hyneman.

Thirty Eight Lodges Represented. Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 1/4 past 7 O'clock, P. M.

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The Minutes of Quarterly Grand Communication March 6th read and approved.

The Minutes of Extra Grand Communication April 17, 1848, were read and approved.

General Returns from Lodge No. 144, at Lewisburg, U. Cy. for 1847 were received and ordered to be filed.

A Return was received from C. P. Gummert, D. D. G. M., shewing the Organization of Lodge No. 228, at Union Town, Fayette Co., Pa., April 20th, 1848.

A Special return was received from Lodge No. 61, at Wilkesbarre, shewing the Election of Bro. P. M. Henry Pettebone, W. M.; Bro. Jesse Lines, Sr. W.; Bro. Warren I. Woodward, Jr. W.; Bro. Jno. Constine, Treasr.; Bro. Asherminn Stout, Secy. April 17th, A. L. 1848, in pursuance of a Warrant Granted by the Rt. W. G. Master for that purpose.

Which was ordered to be filed.

A Special Return was received from Lodge No. 3 Shewing the Election of Bro. John Robinson, Jr. W. M.; Bro. George Bilger, Sr. W.; Bro. Nicholas Helveison, Jr. W.; on the 21st day of March, A. L. 5848, under the authority of a dispensation Granted by the Rt. W. G. Master.

Which was ordered to be filed.

A Communication was received and read from Bro. Augustine Holmes formerly a Member of Lodge No. 172 praying to be restored to his rights and privileges in the order having been deprived of the same by the Lodge forfeiting its charter.

Which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The following communication was received, read and alteration made in By Laws approved, to wit:

Franklin Lodge, No. 134, A. Y. M.
May 13th, A. L. 5848.

At a stated meeting of the Lodge held April 8, 1848, The following amendment to Article 1st of the By Laws was offered.

Resolved, That the Stated meetings of this Lodge be held on the last day of every month except the same fall on Sunday in which case the meeting shall be held on the preceeding day at the hours named in the By Laws.

Extract from the Minutes.

Robert McCulloch, Secy.

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A Special Communication was received from Lodge N°. 190 Stating that S— L. S— now believed to be in Ohio was Suspended for non payment of dues on April 19th, 1848, a Stated Meeting of said Lodge.

Which was ordered to be filed.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N°. 21 Stating that T— D— an applicant for Membership had been Rejected at the Stated Meeting held May 8, 5848, which was ordered to be filed.

A Copy of the By Laws of Lodge N°. 25, at Bristol, was received and referred to the Committee on By Laws.

A Copy of the By Laws of Lodge N°. 226, at Lebanon, was received and referred to the Committee on By Laws.

A Communication was received from Bro. James Geddes, Jr., complaining of the proceedings of Lodge No. 72 in relation to his dues, &c.

Which was on motion referred to a Committee of Five when the Rt. W. G. Master appointed the following Brethren said Committee, "to wit": Bro^{s}. Workman, Thomly, Patton.

The following Communication which was submitted by the Hall Committee to the Grand Officers and the action taken thereon was read and approved, "to wit":

To the Rt. W. G. Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge of Penns^{a}.

Brethren,

The Hall Committee are pleased to have this opportunity of Stating to the Grand Officers and would like to know how far they would be justified in disposing of some of the old furniture in the Store room of the Hall.

A Committee from the Bristol Lodge have made application for Three old Pedestals, an Alter, and two Cushions which they say may answer them for which they are willing to give a reasonable price for they are desirous of having an answer by Monday.

Fraternally yours,

Phil., April 1, 1848. The Hall Com^{e}.

Signed. Cha^{s}. M^{c}Karaher,
Chm^{n}.

The Grand Officers at a meeting held April 1st, 1848, passed the following Resolution, "viz":

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Resolved, That the Hall Committee be authorized to dispose of the above named furniture at such sums as they think fit subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N°. 3 in relation to the rejection of M— N— an applicant for Initiation and Membership asking permisson to take another Ballot, &c.

On motion of Bro. Thomas B. Florence & duly Seconded, the following Resolution was offered, viz:

Resolved, That the Prayer of the petition be granted.

Which was lost by a vote of 45 to 16.

The following Report was received, Read and approved.

To the Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

The Committee on By Laws respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the By Laws of Lodges N°. 25, at Bristol, and N°. 226, at Labanon, and finding them to conform to the Rules & Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Penns^a. recommend their adoption.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. James Page,
Wm. H. Adams, } Committee.

June 1st, 1848.

The following Report was received, read and adopted, viz.

R. W. G. M. G., Officers & Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

The Committee to whom was referred the Subject of the Hall in Chestnut Street beg leave respectfully to report,

That your committee have given their continued and anxious attention to the Subject of their appointment and have been individually and collectively animated with a single and sincere desire to protect the interest of the G. L.

Various consultations on propositions submitted to your committee have from time to time taken place some of which have not been satisfactory, as to others your committee have declined to take any action.

On the first day of the present Month there appeared no hope of any other possible course but to permit the contents of the Hall to be sold by the Sheriff under executions in her hands, viz: 1st. for about 800$ the 2nd. the alleged debt due to the Trustees of the Bank of the U. S. and the execution for rent due the G. L. to be paid out of proceeds of the prior sale.

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Your Committee felt the force of the Opinion expressed by the G. L. at the time the Subject was referred to them that to sell out the contents of the Hall thereby destroy the present lease turning the building again upon the hands of the G. L. with the cost of putting it into repair for any use whatsoever was to be avoided if possible.

This view has always had its weight with your committee and the propriety of continuing Mr. Peale in the Hall to the end of his lease if possible to be effected consistently with the interests of the G. L. has always been regarded as the best course the G. L. could adopt.

A proposition by the chief creditors of M$^{r.}$ Peale your Committee have had presented to them as a last effort to save him from positive ruin which has been carefully considered by your Committee & which is in substance as follows:

The Trustees of the Bank agree to give Mr. Peale a receipt in full of all demands against him if he will give them all the pictures now in the Museum to be sold, the excess over his debt to them to be paid back to Mr. Peale.

The proposition so far as the G. L. is interested in it has been acted upon by your committee and they have consented to it, but as all the brethren of the Committee did not unite it was thought proper out of respect to them to submit to the G. L. this evening this report.

If the G. L. approve of the action of the Committee it can, by resolution directing them to proceed in the premises as the Committee shall think the best interest of the G. L. require.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. Peter Fritz, Chm$^{n.}$ Co.

The Right W. Grand Master Stated that on April 15th last with the assistance of the Grand Officers and a number of Brethren He reopened & reorganized Lodge N$^{o.}$ 126.

He further stated that on May 4 he proceeded to Reading accompanied by the Grand Officers and a number of the brethren organized Chandler Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 227, Installed the Officers and set the craft to work in a constitutional manner.

The following Report was received, read and ordered to be Entered and filed, to wit:

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To the R^t. W. G. Lodge of Penns^a.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest Respectfully Report,

That they have received since the first of June, 1847, from interest and dividends on investments the Sum of, ...		$2413.79
That the balance in the Farmers & Mechanics Bank on the first of June, 1847, to credit of Trustees was, ...		337.46
That the R^t. W. G. L. has paid on account of the principal of her debt to the Bequest the Sum of,		3064.16
Making total of, ...		$5815.41
Of this Sum there has been paid on orders of the R^t. W. G. Master in favour of the R^t. W. G. Treasurer for the different Committees the Sum of,	$1800.00	
For Four certificates of Masonic Loans Nos. 72, 73, 74 and 75, . . .	$ 400.00	
For 3000$ U. S. 6's, ...	$3052.50	
Amount now in the Farmers and Mech^s. Bank, ...	562.91	$5815.41

For a full and minute history of the Bequest and of its management since it came into the hands of your trustees and of the nature of the investments from time to time made. The Trustees beg leave to refer to their report of the Fund in answer to the Resolution of the R. W. G. Lodge of September 6^th. 1847.

Your trustees annex to this Report a detailed statement shewing the sums received by them since the first of June, 1847, the time when & the Sources whence received, and also a similar statement of all monies paid out by them and when and on whose order, and for what purpose resulting in the aggregate Sums mentioned above and Shewing a balance in Bank to the credit of the Trustees on the first instant of $562.91.

The Trustees recommend an appropriation of $1800 to charitable purposes of the Bequest during the Year ending the first of June, 1849.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

June 5. 1848. Signed. Sam^l. H. Perkins, B. Newcomb, Alexander Diamond and Samuel Badger, Trustees.

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Trustees of the Girard Bequest in Account with the Trust.

1847.

June	1,	To	Bal. in Farmers & Mechs. Bk., . .	$337.46
"	2,	"	Dividend on 102 Shs. F. and M. Bk. Stock (43), ...	"204.
"	11,	"	Dividend on 92 Shs. F. & M. Bk. May 1841 Stock (33), . . .	"131.10
"	"	"	Dividend on 10 Shs. F. & M. Bk. Stock (33), ...	" 14.25
"	"	"	Dividend on 92 Shs. F. & M. Bk. Stock May, 1844 (37), . . .	"124.20
"	"	"	Dividend on 90 Shs. May 1844 F. & M. Bk. Stock (37), ...	" 13.50
"	"	"	Dividend on 10 Shs. Nov. 1844 F. & M. Bk. Stock (38), ...	" 15.
July	6,	"	6 Mos. int. on 180 Shs. 6 per ct., .	"540.
"	"	"	do. do. " 6 " 5 per ct., .	"150.
"	"	"	do. on 3964.16 certificate a 6 p. ct.,	"118.92
Aug.	7,	"	do. on State 5s., ...	" 18.44
Dec.	4,	"	dividend on 102 Shs. F. and M. Bk. (44th divd.), ...	"204.

1848.

Jany.	12,	"	Int. on 184 Shs. 6 p. ct. M. Loans,	"552.
"	"	"	do. " 60 " 5 p. ct. do.,	"150.
"	"	"	do. on 3964.16 certif. of debt 6 p. ct.,	"118.92
Mar.	27,	"	do. " the above certificate to March 31st, 3 months, ...	" 59.46
"	"	"	Cash paid on account of principal of above certifs. paid by the Grand Lodge, ...	"3064.16
				$5815.41

Credit.

1847.

June 30, By cash for 4 Certif. of 4th M. Loan of 1820, Nos. 72, 73, 74, 75, . . $400.

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July 24,	By Cash to order of Grand Master for use of Com. N°. 3, 1847, . . .		$325	
Oct. 14,	" Cash to order of Grand Master for use of Com. N°. 4, 1847, . . .		"525	
1848.				
Jany. 11,	" Cash to order of Grand Master for use of Com. N°. 1, 1848, . . .		"625	
April 1,	" Cash for 3000 U. S. 6's of 67, ...		$3052.50	
" 24,	" Cash for use of Com. N°. 2 for 1848, . . .		" 325.	
	" Balance in F. & Mechs. Bk. to Credit of the Trustees, ...		$ 562.91	$5815.41

On Motion duly made and seconded, it was Resolved,

That Eighteen Hundred dollars of the Interest money of the Girard Bequest be and is hereby appropriated for distribution during the coming Year Commencing on the first of July next and that the same be drawn by the R^t. W. G. Master and placed at the disposal of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund in accordance with the regulations adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The following Report was received, read and Resolution attached adopted, "to wit":

To the R^t. W. G. Lodge of Penns^a.

The Committee to whom was referred the proposal of Bro. R. W. Desilver to purchase from the Grand Lodge the entire edition of the Ahiman Rezon & of P. G. M. Chandlers addresses respectfully Report,

That they have duly & carefully considered the Subject and are of opinion that the Grand Lodge should not restrict themselves against printing any other edition of the A. Rezon or any like work until the present one be exhausted or bind themselves at present to give any one the preference in publishing the same, the reasons are obvious and such as must occur to every reflecting brother with these exceptions they are of opin-

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ion that the offer of Bro. Desilver may be accepted and they offer the Subjoined Resolution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed by J. A. Phillips, Chairman of the Committee.

Phil., June 5th, A. L. 5848.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to sell to Bro. R. W. Desilver the whole Edition of the A. Rezon on hand in sheets at 40 cents per copy on a Credit of 4 & 6 Mos., he agreeing to furnish the Grand Lodge any number of copies they may hereafter require for 65 cents per copy bound in good sheep or cloth binding and lettered.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to sell to Bro. R. W. Desilver the whole edition of P. G. Master Chandlers addresses on hand at 20 cents per copy on a credit of 6 months he agreeing to furnish the Grand Lodge any number of copies they may hereafter require at cost.

The following was received & read from the G. Lodge of New Jersey and on motion declined and Grand Secretary directed to notify them of the same, to wit:

Rt. W. Grand Lodge N. J.

Resolved, Extract from Minutes.

That it be recommended by this Grand Lodge to the Subordinate Lodges under its Jurisdiction that the anniversary of St. John the Baptist next ensuing be celebrated at Newark, Resolved,

That invitations to join said celebration be extended to the Grand Lodges of the States of New York & Penns^{a}. and the subordinate Lodges of the Cities of New York & Philad^{a}. in good standing with said Grand Lodges, and that this invitation be extended to said Subordinate Lodges through said Grand Lodges.

Resolved, that the Grand Sec^{y}. communicate to the Lodges throughout this State and to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York & Penns^{a}. and to the Subordinate Lodges through their Grand Lodges.

fraternally Yours,

To Wm. H. Adams, Jo^{s}. H. Hough, G. Sec^{y}.

G. S., G. L. of Penns^{a}.

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A Communication was received from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia inviting this Grand Lodge to attend and assist in the ceremonies of laying the corner Stone of the Washington National Monument in the City of Washington on the 4th day of July next.

A Work designed to honor one who "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his country men" was also "first as a Mason and foremost in all the attributes essential to a true and faithful brother of the Mystic tie.

On motion duly made & seconded, it was resolved to accept the invitation.

The following invitation was read and declined, "to wit":

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Free Masons at Philad[a].

The undersigned a committee selected to invite neighbouring Lodges to unite with La belle Vallee Lodge in the ceremonies of its constitution and dedication to take place in Jersey Shore on the 22nd day of June next Respectfully extend their invitation to you and cordially solicit a general attendance.

Yours fraternally,

A. Davidson, George C. Babb, John F. Cowen,
S. S. Seeley, Sam[l]. G. Allen, Committee.

Jersey Shore, Pa., May 31, 1848.

The following Report was received, read and approved, "viz":

To the R[t]. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Hall Committee Report that they received an application from the S[t]. Johns Encampment, N[o]. 4, to have the use of the R. A. Room for the purpose of holding their Meetings in on the 4th Friday of each Month.

The Committee Stated to them that they could have the Room for the purposes mentioned, subject to the same regulations as the other Lodges that met there, and that they should not remove or change any of the fixtures or furniture of the Room all of which would be subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Phil., June 5th, 1848. Signed. C. M[c]Karaher,
Jn[o]. C. Smith,
Robert Patton, } Com[e].

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The following Communication was received and read & on motion Bro. Leon Hyneman acknowledged as proxy of said Lodge, viz:

To Bro. Leon Hyneman, P. M. and a Member of Lodge N°. 71 under the jurisdiction of the R^t. W. G. Lodge of Penns.

At a stated meeting of Solomons Lodge, N°. 231, held at Pittsburg, on the 2^nd day of June, A. D. 1848, A. L. 5848.

You were appointed the Representative of this Lodge in the Said Grand Lodge. Witness our hands and Seal this 2^nd day of June, 1848, A. L. 5848.

[Seal.] Signed. Victor Scriba,
W. M.

Attest:
Wm. Buhl,
Secretary.

The following from the Trustees of the Charity Fund was read and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

Trustees of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge in acct. with the Treasurer.

1847.				
July 1,	To Bal. in hands, ...		$ 78.39	
	" Cash rec^d. by Bro. G. Griscom,		5.	83.39
Nov. 1,	" Cash rec^d. for Rent Chester Property, ...			10.62
1848.				
July 1,	" Cash Int. on Loans and Debts,			124.33
1847.				
Dec. 18,	By Cash p^d. Bro. Griscom, . .		$ 62.89	
" 6,	" Appropriation for Distribution,		$100.	162.89
	Balance,			55.45
	Bal. of former appropriation as per last report not distributed, . .		$ 15.	
	Am. for distribution as above set forth,		100.	
			$115	
	Amount distributed as per Vouchers,		$120	
	Amount distributed over the sum appropriated, ...		5	

The Trustees further report that the property handed over to them by the Trustees of the preceeding year Consisted of Five

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Certificates of Gas Loan Amounting in all to $1844\frac{55}{100}$, Twenty three Shares of Masonic Loans $2300, Total of Loans & Certificates $4144\frac{55}{100}$ bearing Interest of 6 per cent per Annum; A Ground rent deed of Property in Chester for $354\frac{16}{100}$ which is in the hands of Bro. Griscom. The deed of Germantown property at present unproductive in the possession of Bro. Bayse Newcomb.

Owing to the revival of the Lodge at Bristol the charge of this property is taken out of the hands of the Trustees and has reverted to the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Trustees.

(Signed) Jn°. S. Kelly,

Phil., June 5, 1848. Secretary.

On Motion the following Brethren were admitted as Visitors, to wit:

Jo^s Herriges Lodge N° 3, Jn° Garside N° 7, Tho^s Foster, Ge° W. Wunder Lodge N° 9, Sam^l Eakins N° 45, Jo^s M. Cardeza N° 51, Sam^l Garrett N° 59, Henry A. Neagle 114, Cha^s Carpenter N° 126, Jo^s Hall N° 130, Smith Skinner N° 155, Ge° W. Hufty N° 186, Ja^s Jordan N° 187, Jn° A. Gamble N° 199, Francis McClure N° 203, Tho^s Hany N° 211, Dan^l O. Skinner N° 218, Tho^s J. Bailey 219, Jacob Weidman, D. B. Marshall, Henry Dehuff, Ge° Lineweaver, Jacob Weidle, Cyrus Zimmermann, H. T. Hoffman N° 226, J. E. Ancona, Dan^l H. Feger N° 227, A. C. Canniff, Michigan, Peter Lawson, Lowell, Mass.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at 20 Minutes past Eleven O'clock P. M.

Wm. H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADA., SEPTR. 4th, 5848.

Grand Lodge of Penns^a. Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. Peter Fritz,	R^t. W.	G.	M.
" William Whitney,	"	"	D. G. Master.
" Anthony Bournonville,	"	"	S. G. Warden.

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Bro.	James Hutchinson,	R$^{t.}$ W.	J. G. Warden.
"	John Thomson,	" "	G. Treas$^{r.}$
"	W$^{m.}$ H. Adams,	" "	G. Sec$^{y.}$
"	E. H. Butler,		D. G. Sec$^{y.}$
"	C. C. Williams,		S$^{r.}$ G. Deacon.
"	Ge$^{o.}$ Griscom,		J$^{r.}$ G. Deacon.
"	Peter Williamson,		G. Marshal.
"	Jacob Steiner,		G. S. Bearer.
"	W$^{m.}$ S. Shultz,		G. Pursuivant.
"	James Page,		P. G. Masters.
"	Bayse Newcomb,		
"	Ezra S. Ely,		G. Chaplain.

Lodges Represented.

No.	2,	Bro^{s}	Hess.
"	3,	"	Robinson, Thomson, King, Doriss, Bilger, Desilver, Skerritt.
"	9,	"	Leach, Kelly.
"	19,	"	Thornley, Hines, Hodges, Griscom, Bradley.
"	51,	"	Whitney, Thomson, Workman.
"	52,	"	Robinson.
"	59,	"	Adams, Gwynn.
"	67,	"	Simpson, Hutchinson, Ward, Vanosten, Russ.
"	71,	"	Meyers, Vancollum, Weikle, Hyneman.
"	72,	"	Williams, Thompson, Phillips, Oilver, West, Chase.
"	91,	"	Manning.
"	114,	"	Thomson, Williamson, Kelly, Bruner.
"	115,	"	Diamond, Heimberger, Newcomb.
"	121,	"	Fraser, Vaux, Davis, Mott.
"	125,	"	Steiner, Bournonville, Hahnlan, Aichternacht, Maag.
"	126,	"	Negus, Page.
"	130,	"	M^{c}Grath, W$^{m.}$ S. Shultz, Lescure, Sleeper.
"	134,	"	Butler, Williamson, M^{c}Culloch.
"	155,	"	Fritz, Martin.
"	158,	"	Shields, Lowe, Barnstead.
"	186,	"	Horner.
"	187,	"	Hickey, Rittenhouse.

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No. 211, Bro^{s} Hall, Page, Cartwright, Langer, Dorlan.
" 25, " Keim of Bristol.
Proxies, Bro^{s} Whitney, Thomas, Adams, Simpson, Hyneman, Phillips, Vaux, Bournonville, Page, M^{c}Culloh, Fritz.

Thirty Nine Lodges Represented. Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of Quarterly Grand Communication June 5th, 5848, were read and Adopted.

A Return was received from Bro. Geo. C. Welker, Dist. D. G. Master, Shewing the Organization of La Belle Vallee Lodge, Number 232, at Jersey Shore, Lycoming Co. Pa. on the 10 of July, 1848, A. L. 5848.

Which was ordered to be filed.

A Return was received from Bro. Henry Pettebone shewing the organization of Saint Johns Lodge, N^{o}. 233, at Pittstown, Luzerne County, Penns^{a}., on the 7th day of June, 1848, A. L. 5848.

Which was ordered to be filed.

A Copy of the By Laws of Lodge No. 231, was received and referred to the Committee on By Laws.

A Copy of the By Laws of Lodge N^{o}. 232, was received and referred to the Committee on By Laws.

An amèndment to the By Laws of Lodge N^{o}. 226, was received and Adopted.

An amendment to the By Laws of Lodge N^{o}. 9, was received, read and adopted.

Returns were received from Sam^{l}. M^{c}Kinley, Dis^{t}. D. G. Master, for Quarters ending June 1st and September 1st, 1848.

Which were ordered to be filed.

A Communication was received from La Fayette Lodge, N^{o}. 199, at Lock Haven, Clinton County, Pa., Stating that on the Stated meeting held 14th day of July, 1848, S— P. H— an applicant for Initiation & Membership, aged 43 Years, Residence Lock Haven, Occuaption Inn Keeper & at present Sheriff of Clinton County, Pa., was unfavourably Reported by Committee of Enquirey said report directed to be entered on the Minutes.

Which was ordered to be entered on the Minutes and filed.

A Communication was received from Lodge N^{o}. 203, and ordered to be filed.

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Stating that R— M^{c}N— was Suspended for Non payment of dues June 13^{th,} 1848.

A Petition for a New Warrant was received from a number of Brethren residing in Meadville, Crawford County, Pa., to be called Meadville Lodge, N$^{o.}$ and to be held in Meadville, naming Ammi Bond to be the first Worshipful Master; Alexander Johnson to be the first Senior Warden; Charles M. Yates to be the first Junior Warden.

Which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A petition was received asking the Revival of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 185, at Braintrim, Wyoming County, Pa.

Which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The following Communication was received and Read, (to wit:)

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The petition of M— N— respectfully sheweth that your petitioner applied for initiation and Membership in Lodge N$^{o.}$ 3, when his Petition was favourably reported on but he was rejected on a ballot, his rejection being generally conceded to have arrisen from mistake or misapprehension, that on a new ballot being taken by permission of your honorable body he was again rejected by the vote of D^{r} W$^{m.}$ R. Power who has since distinctly asserted in writing that he did it upon false representations or on representations which if true were applicable to another person of the same name.

Your Petitioner is deeply sensible of the kindness extended towards him by this Grand Lodge as also the Officers and Members of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 3 but feeling that through accidental circumstances he has been dealt with unjustly he cannot rest easy under the censure that any rejection implies, he firmly but respectfully challenges a full investigation into every action of his past life fully conscious that nothing will be found to render him unworthy of association with a craft he has always honoured and revered and with that consciousness and understanding that it would be in accordance with former precedents & practice of your Honourable body he respectfully prays that you will be pleased to order the said rejection to be set aside and your petitioner placed in such good Standing that he may at any time hereafter be permitted to make a new application

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to any Lodge & be ballotted for on said application as if he had not heretofore been balloted for and rejected.

And as in duty bound he will ever pray, &c.

Signed. M— N—.

Phil., Aug$^{t.}$ 31, 1848.

The undersigned members of Lodges in the City and County of Philad$^{a.}$ believing M— N— to be a Man of good Character and Conduct and that no reason exists why he should not become a Member of the order respectfully asks the Grand Lodge to grant the prayer of his Petition as within written.

Phil., Aug$^{t.}$ 31, 1848. Signed.

Jn$^{o.}$ M^{c}Grath, P. M., L. 130.
J. A. Phillips, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 72.
M. Bouvier, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 51.
Henry G. Smith, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 19.
Edwin T. Chase, S. W., N$^{o.}$ 72.
Ge$^{o.}$ H. Oliver, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 158.
Jn$^{o.}$ Thomas, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 52.
D. C. Skerritt, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 3.
Aaron Samuels, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 2.
E. W. Roberts, N$^{o.}$ 51.
Henry Bruner, P. M., 114.
W$^{m.}$ S. Huysham, P. M., 3.
Tho$^{s.}$ B. Florence, P. M., 3.
Ezra S. Ely, D. D., G. Chaplain.
W$^{m.}$ Robertson, S. W., L. N$^{o.}$ 2.
Jn$^{o.}$ Thomly, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 19.
Cha$^{s.}$ M^{c}Karaher, N$^{o.}$ 3.
E. P. Lescure, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 130.
C. Dillman, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 3.
Wills Taylor, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 158.
J. Gumple, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 2.
J. Wood, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 3.
Tho$^{s.}$ Desilver, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 3.
Ja$^{s.}$ G. Dorriss, " N$^{o.}$ 3.
W$^{m.}$ English, P. M., N$^{o.}$ 3.

Phil., Sept$^{r.}$ 2^{nd,} 1848.

I Certify that the Statement in reference to my action as a member of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 3 contained in the within petition is strictly correct. And that it will afford me the highest gratification to be permitted by the Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$ to correct the error under which my former vote was given.

Signed. W. R. Power.

On Motion of Bro. J. A. Phillips and duly seconded, the following Resolution was offered, viz:

Resolved,

That inasmuch as this Grand Lodge is satisfied that M— N— was rejected in Lodge N$^{o.}$ 3 without just cause the ballot of said Lodge rejecting him be set aside and he be permitted to present a new petition for Initiation or Membership

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to that or any other Lodge with the same effect as if he had not heretofore been balloted for and rejected.

On motion of Bro. Robt. McCulloch and Seconded, the following amendment was submitted and lost, to wit:

Resolved, That the Petition of M— N— be referred to a Committee.

The question was then taken upon Bro. J. A. Phillips Resolution and carried by a vote of 34 to 21.

The Grand Secretary Stated that Bro. Geo. C. Welker, D. D. G. M., had forwarded the Warrant of the late Lodge No. 192 formerly held at Bellefonte, Centre County, Penna.

The receipt of which was directed to be entered on the Minutes.

The Rt. W. Grand Master stated that on the 3rd day of July last he proceeded to the City of Washington accompanied by the Grand Officers and a number of the Brethren and assisted in the ceremonies of laying the Corner Stone of the Washington National Monument on the 4th, returned on the 6th highly gratified with the visit.

Brethren who accompanied the Rt. W. G. Master to Washington, "viz":

Bro. Peter Fritz, Rt. W. G. M.; James Hutchinson, Rt. W. J. G. Warden; Jno. Thomson, G. T., & Wm. H. Adams, G. Secy.; C. C. Williams, Sr. G. Deacon; Peter Williamson, G. Marshal; Wm. S. Shultz, Pursuivant; Wm. B. Schnider, G. Tyler.

Tobias Buehler, D. C. Skerritt, Jas. Ferguson, G. P. Cummings, Lewis Lowe, Jacob Shultz, H. F. Bowen, Jos. Peal, Richard Powel, Mustin of 155, Debrew of 121.

The following communication was read & ordered to be filed.

Grand Secretarys Office of the Rt. W. G. Lodge of the Dist. of Co. July 7th, 1848.

To the Rt. W. G. Master, Grand Wardens, Officers and Members of the G. L. of Pa.

Brothers,

After the return of this Grand Lodge to Masonic Hall from the place where the ceremonies of the 4th of July were held the following Resolution was adopted.

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Resolved,

That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the different State Grand Lodges for their attendance on this occasion. And that the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of said resolution to said Grand Lodges.

It affords me much pleasure to be the organ of the Grand Lodge in thus conveying the expression of its feelings not an empty compliance with common custom, but as the evidence of the heartfelt emotion of each Brother to those, who at sacrifice of time and means added by their presence increased interest to the efforts of this Grand Lodge for a display of the Order befitting the Man, the Time and the Occasion.

Fraternally Yours,
Chas. S. Frailey,
G. Secy.

The Committee in the Case of Bro. James Geddes, Jr. against Lodge No. 72, reported and the following Resolution which was attached was adopted, viz:

Resolved,

That Lodge No. 72 be directed to refund to Bro. Geddes the amount over paid by him in his account in the Year 1847 after charging him with half dues according to the resolution passed by the Lodge and that they furnish him with such Lodge Certificate as is usual to all Bros. resigning in good standing they receiving for the same the accustomed fee.

All of which is most respectfully Submitted.

(Signed) Jno. S. Kelly, H. W. Workman,
Jno. C. Smith, Geo. D. Patton, Com.
John Thornly,

Phil., Augt. 25, 1848.

The Grand Secretary Stated that some time since Bro. Andrew Fulton had paid to the Grand Treasurer the Sum of $ and that Bro. Samuel McKinley, D. D. G. Master, had also paid for Adam McKee the sum of $10 in part payment of dues charged against the above named brethren in the Books of the late Lodge No. 165 formerly held at Pittsburg.

When on motion duly made and Seconded, it was Resolved,

That Bros. Fulton & McKee be restored to good standing and the balance appearing against them on the Books of the late Lodge No. 165 be remitted.

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A Communication was received from Lodge N°. 232 appointing Bro. Leon Hyneman Proxy of said Lodge at a stated meeting held Aug^t. 14, 1848.

On Motion duly made and Seconded, Bro. Leon Hyneman was acknowledged as the Proxy of Lodge N°. 232 and the communication filed.

The following Report was received and the Resolution Adopted, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

The Committee appointed in relation to the money Subscribed and paid for the purpose of procuring a Portrait of Lafayette & Franklin.

Respectfully report, That a Sum of money for that purpose subscribed was paid into the hands of Bro. John M. Read who cannot at present find the subscription paper containing the precise amount, but believes it to be about Eighty Dollars which Sum he is ready to pay over as the Grand Lodge may direct and when the exact amt. can be ascertained to correct the same. Your Committee respectfully offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer call upon Bro. Read & receive from him the above mentioned Sum of Eighty Dollars.

Phil., Sept^r. 4, 1848. Signed. B. Newcomb,
Wm. Barger,
Jas. Page, Committee.

A long and highly interesting discussion took place in relation to the property left of the Museum in the Chestnut St. Hall as Security for Tennants Rent.

When Bro. Ja^s. Page, P. G. Master offered the following which was duly Seconded, Resolved,

That in the event of a sale of the property in the Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street belonging to Mr. E. Peale and the Grand Treasurer should deem it necessary to protect the interest of the Grand Lodge to purchase in the same, he is instructed and hereby authorized to do so.

On Motion of Bro. Bournonville and duly Seconded, the following was offered and lost, "viz":

Resolved, that the Resolution just offered be indefinately postponed.

On Motion of Bro. W^m. Whitney and duly Seconded, P. G. M. Pages Resolution was amended by adding the R^t. R. W. G.

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Master Peter Fritz and R^t. W. S^r. G. Warden A. Bournonville to the R^t. W. G. Treasurer Jn^o. Thomson when the Resolution so amended was Carried.

Brother George Griscom stated that he had furnished a draft of a Deed in conformity with the wishes of Bristol Lodge, N^o. 25, from which draft a deed had been prepared by order of that Lodge and submitted to him for his approval. That this deed as engrossed departs from his draft in some particulars and among others in omitting the proper expression to perpetuate the title for Masonic uses, Borther Griscom explained and recommended the corrections proper to be made.

The Secretary of Bristol Lodge being present the Deed at desire of Bro. Griscom was handed to him.

On Motion a number of visitors were admitted during the Evening.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 1/4 to 12 o'clock.

William H. Adams,
Sec^y.

PHILA., December 4th, 1848, A. L. 5848.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro^s.	Peter Fritz,	R^t. W. G. Master.
"	William Whitney,	R^t. W. D. G. Master.
"	Anthony Bournonville,	R^t. W. S^r. G. Warden.
"	James Hutchinson,	R^t. W. J^r. G. Warden.
"	John Thomson,	R^t. W. G. Treas^r.
"	William H. Adams,	R^t. W. G. Secretary.
"	James E. Richardson,	D. G. Secretary.
"	George Griscom,	J^r. G. Deacon.
"	C. C. Williams,	S^r. G. Deacon.
"	Peter Williamson,	Grand Marshal.
"	Jacob Steiner,	G. S. Bearer.
"	W^m. S. Shultz,	Grand Pursuivant.
"	Bayse Newcomb,	P. G. Master.
"	William Barger,	
"	James Page,	
"	W^m. J. Reese,	

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Lodges Represented.

N°	2,	Bro^{s}	Richardson, Samuels, Maguire, Guillou.
"	3,	"	Robinson, King, Carlin, Dillman, Zorns, Webb, Desilver, Bilger, M^{c}Karaher, Colladay, Florence, Thomas.
"	9,	"	Kelly, Barton, Creasey, Leach.
"	19,	"	Reynolds, Hines, Smith, Childs, Griscom, Hodges, Bradley, Cummings, Thornly, Patton, Haswell.
"	25,	"	Benezett.
"	51,	"	Baggs, Israel, Thomson, Whitney, Workman.
"	52,	"	Simons, Patten, Wagner, Robinson.
"	59,	"	Davenport, Chalmers, Gwynn, Adams.
"	67,	"	Rus, Conrad, Simpson, Decklyne, Simons, Wilson, Field, Jones, Rob^{t} Hutchinson, Jo^{s} Hutchinson, Baugh, Wagner, Smith, Ja^{s} Hutchinson, Ward, Desilver, Vanosten.
"	71,	"	Vancollum, Meyers, Hyneman, Elfrets, Frismuth, Golden, Weikle.
"	72,	"	Chase, Molan, Gibson, Barger, Thomson, Peacock, West, Williams, Grigg, Phillips, Coleman.
"	75,	"	M^{c}Veigh, Whitaker, Wiley.
"	81,	"	Dickinson, Dickinson, Snyder, Freas, Betton.
"	91,	"	Hart, Femington, Manning, Casey.
"	114,	"	Coburn, Sharp, Keim, Kelly, Bruner, Krider, Thomson, Baxter, Williamson.
"	115,	"	M^{c}Cloud, F. D. Dougherty, Heimberger, Diamond, Archambault, Newcomb, Shultz.
"	121,	"	Fine, Flanigan, Lewiston, Frazer.
"	125,	"	Aichternacht, Buehler, Steiner, Wollenweber, Bournonville.
"	126,	"	Whelan, Page, Nugus.
"	130,	"	Lescure, Jacob Shultz, Pascal, W$^{m.}$ S. Shultz.
"	135,	"	Bramble, Mullen, White, Ramsdale, Peterman.
"	153,	"	Shaw.
"	155,	"	Fritz, Coates, Allen, Bowen, Collins, Wilkinson, Martin.
"	158,	"	Jones, Barnstead, Oliver, Shields.

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N° 186, Bro^{s} Lewis, Barrington, Russell.
" 187, " Wilkinson, Rittenhouse, Hickey, Hilt, Leoser.
" 190, " Cornman, Powell, Miller, Rochener.
" 211, " Hall, Singleton, Cartwright, Page, Dorlan, Ristine.
" 230, " Taylor.
Proxies, No^{s} 22, 43, 45, 82, 108, 138, 153, 163, 164, 148, 190, 199, 218, 219, 222, 231, 232, 221.
18 Lodges represented by Proxy.
31 do do " Members.

Forty Five Lodges Represented. Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at 6 1/4 O'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of last Quarterly Grand Communication were read and adopted.

Copies of the By Laws of Lodges N°. 216, 230 & 234 were presented and referred to the Committee on By Laws.

The following Report of Committee on Finance for the quarter ending Dec^{r}. 31st, 1847 was received, read and ordered to be filed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance Respectfully Report a Statement of the Receipts and Payments by the Grand Treas^{r}. for and on account of the Grand Lodge for the 4th quarter for 1847, viz:

Receipts.

For Lodge dues & rents & from chapters, . . .	$1592.56
" Dispensations, ...	90.50
" Rents Chestnut St. Hall, ...	942.87
" do. 3rd St. Hall, ...	225.00
	$2850.93

Payments.

For Interest paid Ex. J. C. Fisher, .		$200.00
" do. " City D. Assembly, .		"330.00
" Debt of G. L. paid S. Fund, . .		"1100.00
" Expenses for Gas, . .	$ 41.56	
" Certificates, &c., . .	" 25.00	
" City poor Tax, . .	"108.00	
" County do., . .	" 84.60	
" Charcoal, ...	" 7.00	

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For repairs to Stoves, &c., .	$ 30.21		
" do. " G. O. collars,	" 23.75		
" Incidental Expenses, .	" 9.63	$329.75	
" Salaries Grand Secy. .	$200.00		
" Treas., .	" 50.00		
" Tyler, .	" 44.50	"294.50	$2254.25
Amount of Receipts exceeding payments, .			$ 596.68
Balance in hands of G. Treas. Sept. 30, 1847,			$2840.80
do. do. do. Dec. 31, 1847,			$3437.48

Geo. Smith,
A. E. Dougherty, } Committee.
G. H. Oliver,

To the Rt. W. Grand Lodge of Penns[a].

The Committee of Finance Respectfully Report a Statement of the Receipts and Payments by the Grand Treasurer for and on account of the Grand Lodge for the quarter ending March 31st, 1848, viz:

Receipts.

For Lodge dues & rents & from Chapters, ...	$3403.90	
" 4 New Warrants, ...	" 324.00	
" Dispensations & G. L. Certificates,	" 96.00	
" Rent of room 3d St. Hall, . .	37.50	$3861.40

Payments.

For Int. paid Loan holders, . . .		$1635.10	
" Debt of G. Lodge pd. Trustees Girard Bequest, ...		"3064.16	
" Expenses, viz: Gas, . .	$85.27		
" Candles, .	"11.06		
" Repairs, .	"40.68		
" Oil Cloth,	"13.57		
" Water rent, .	"10.00		
Legal Services Br. Newcomb, ...	"50.00		
Organizing Lodge No. 25,	"44.25		
Incidental Expenses, .	"18.10		

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Salaries, viz:				
Grand Secretary, . .	$200			
Grand Treasurer, . .	" 50			
Grand Tyler,	" 44.75	294.75	$ 567.68	$5266.94
Amt. of Payments Exceeding receipts, . . .				$1405.54
Balance in hand of G. Treas. Dec. 31, 1847, . .				$3437.48
Do. do. Mar. 31, 1848, . .				"2031.94

Signed. A. E. Dougherty, Geo. Smith, Geo. H. Oliver, } Committee.

To the Rt. W. G. Lodge of Penns[a].

The Committee of Finance Respectfully report a Statement of the Receipts and Payments by the Grand Treasurer for and on account of the Grand Lodge for the quarter ending June 30th. 1848.

Receipts.

From Lodges & Mark Lodges, . . .	$777	
" 4 New Warrants, ...	324	
" G. Secy. for Dispensations, &c., .	71.50	
" E. Peale for Chestnut St. Hall, .	222.00	
" Third St. Hall Rents, . . .	67.50	$1462.00

Payments.

For Interest pd. J. C. Fishers Est. on Mtg., ...	$200		
" Gas, ...	67.69		
" Expense visit to No. 227 organization, ...	33.50		
" Incidental expenses, ...	20.37		
" Salaries.			
" G. Secy., ...	$200		
G. Treasurer, . . .	" 50		
Grand Tyler, . . .	" 46	296.00	
" Expenses Chestnut St. Hall for Levy & Watching, ...		131.45	$ 749.01

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Bal. due by G. Treas. Mar. 31, 1848, . . . $2031.94
do. do. June 31, 1848, . . . $2744.93

Signed. Ge°. Smith,
A. E. Dougherty, } Committee.
Ge°. H. Oliver,

A Special return was received from Lodge N°. 199, at Lockhaven, Clinton County, Penns^a., and ordered to be filed Shewing the Expulsion of J— B. S— for Unmasonic Conduct and the Suspension of E— G. P— for Non payment of dues November 8^th, 1848.

A Special Return was received from Lodge N°. 230, at Richmond, Penns^a., and ordered to be filed setting forth the Rejection of W— C. A—.

A Special Return was received from Lodge N°. 62, at Reading, and ordered to be filed shewing the Expulsion of J— F. M— for Embezzlement of the funds of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad Company.

The following communication was received, read and referred to a Special Committee of Three, to wit:

To the W. M., Officers & Brethren of the G. Lodge of Penns^a.

The undersigned honestly entertaining the belief that by the decision of Meridian Sun Lodge, N°. 158, in the matter of complaint preferred against him by L— K— your petitioner has received manifest injustice and does hereby appeal from said decision and prays your worshipful Body to set him right in the premises.

Yours &c.,

Phil., Nov. 6, 1848. J— H—.

An application was received and read from Seven brethren formerly Members of Lodge N°. 69, at Chester, petitioning that the warrant might be restored to them, &c., and naming Bro. Ge°. W. Bartram, first W. Master; Bro. Joseph Weaver, first S^r. Warden; Bro. Alex. M. Wright, first J^r. Warden.

Bro. Grand Secretary Stated that the brethren Applying in behalf of Lodge No. 69, Stated to him inasmuch as the property of the late Lodge No. 69 which was handed over to the Grand Lodge had passed into the hands of the Charity Fund they would be satisfied in lieu thereof to take a New Warrant provided the Grand Lodge would give it to them free of charge,

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as well as any old regalia belonging to the lodge which may be in the possession of the Grand Lodge.

On motion duly made and Seconded, The Application and Statement was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The following Communication was received from Bro. Aug. E. Armstrong and referred to the Grand Officers, viz:

Phil., Nov. 28th, 1848.

Bro. Wm. H. Adams,
Grand Secretary,
Dear Sir,

While on a visit to Mauch Chunck in Sept. last I presented your order for the books, &c., of Lodge No. 201, to Bro. Richard Blay late Secretary of that Lodge. He said the books were in the possession of Bro. Jas. Denton late W. M. who resides at Summit Hill a distance of Nine Miles from M. C. I reminded Bro. B. that in the present State of affairs I am debarred admission into any Lodge because the G. L. is without proof that I was not indebted to Lodge No. 201 at the time of its Suspension. He answered that he knew me to be out of debt to the Lodge, and that to the best of his belief the Lodge ows me, and he again assured me he would send me a Certificate as soon as he could see Denton and get his Signature. I have not received the certificate and have not heard from Blay since therefore I beg leave to submit this Statement for your consideration.

Your obt. Servant,
Augt. E. Armstrong.

The following Report was received, read and ordered to be Spread upon the Minutes, "viz":

To the Grand Lodge of Penns.

The Grand Officers a Committee to whom was referred the application for a New Warrant at Meadville, Crawford County, Penns., Also the petition for the revival of Lodge No. 185, at Braintrim, Luzerne County, Penns., beg leave respectfully to report.

That they found the Application for the New Warrant in due form and every thing appearing correct Granted the Prayer of the Petitioners.

The Application for the revival of Lodge No. 185 they felt it their duty to refuse as the Brethren had kept the Warrant and

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other property of the Lodge contrary to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge and had not made returns for upwards of Twenty Years.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed by the G. Officers.

Dec$^{r.}$ 4, 1848. Committee.

The following report was approved and the prayer of the Petitioner ordered to be granted.

To the Grand Lodge of Pa.

The Grand Officers a Committee to whom was referred a petition from D$^{r.}$ A. Holmes for reinstatement beg leave to report that we have carefully considered the matter and recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

He having gone down with the late Lodge N$^{o.}$ 172, at Lebanon.

Respectfully Submitted.

Dec$^{r.}$ 4, 1848. Signed by the Grand Officers.

A Return was received setting forth that the New Lodge at Meadville, Crawford County, Penns$^{a.,}$ N$^{o.}$ 234 was Organized November 15^{th,} 1848. Ordered to be filed.

The following report from the Committee on By Laws was received and adopted, viz:

To the R$^{t.}$ W. Grand Lodge of Pa.

The Committee on By Laws respectfully report, that they have examined the By Laws of Lodge No. 231, at Pittsburg, N$^{o.}$ 232, at Jersey Shore, and after making some few slight corrections recommend their adoption.

The Committee further Report that they have also examined the By Laws of Pulaski Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 216, and finding them to conform to the regulations of the Grand Lodge recommend their adoption.

The Committee also reports that they have examined the By Laws of Richmond Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 230, & after striking out all of Article 14 & Substituting the following recommend their adoption.

When a Members dues shall amount to $4.00 he shall be notified of the Same by the Secretary and if within one Month after

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Such notice his dues are not paid or remitted or some satisfactory reasons given he shall be Suspended or Expelled.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed.

James Page,
William H. Adams, Committee.

A Communication was received from Lodge N°. 43, at Lancaster, asking for an alteration to their By Laws which was granted.

A Communication was received from Lodge N°. 211, at Kensington, asking for an alteration to their By Laws which was granted.

The following Report was made by the Grand Treasurer and ordered to be filed, viz:

To the R^t. W. Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

The Grand Treasurer respectfully Reports.

That agreeably to a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge he called on Bro. Jn°. M. Read and received from him the Sum of Eighty Dollars which he now holds subject to the disposition of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully Submitted.

Dec. 4, 1848. Signed. John Thomson.

A Communication was received from Lodge N°. 62, at Reading, in relation to the balloting and rejection of J— A. F— and applicant for Initiation and Membership & asking for information in relation thereto.

Which was on motion referred to a Special Committee of Three.

The R^t. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bro^s. B. Newcomb, William Barger and James Page said committee.

Printed Communications were received from the following Grand Lodges and referred to the Committee on Correspondence, to wit:

Grand Lodge of Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Dis^t. of Columbia, Kentuckey, Louisiana, Illinois, Missouri.

The R^t. Grand Master made the following Statement, viz:

Brethren,

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I rise merely to make a short Statement of our position in relation to the Hall in Chestnut Street promising at some future day to give a more full report.

It is well known to you all the difficulties we have had to contend with for the last two Years in endeavoring to get from the Tenant of the Hall; from time to time he put us off with promises until our patience was entirely exhausted. Various plans for an amicable arrangement were discussed and failed. We were then compelled to resort to more Severe measures and in order to Secure the interest of the Grand Lodge, the only course left was to proceed against him by distress. Therefore under a judgement and Levy which was against him Several attempts were made to bring about a sale but owing to some trifling pretext or other they were postponed.

The counsel for the claiment under whose judgement the Sales were advertised and postponed withdrew or stayed his judgement this enabled us to issue a Simple constables Levy under which we affected a sale for $4.000 the name of W^m. F. Smith of Germantown Brother in Law to Mr. Peale was given through a certain Mr. Sowers as the purchaser but we were again disappointed as the purchaser failed to claim or make good his purchase.

We had it again put up for sale on Friday last and in Self defence were obliged to purchase the same at $3.200. This Sum if realized will not cover one half the Rent calculated up to Dec^r. 1^st and costs of Levys, Watchmens pay and counsel fees.

This result was predicted in June last when the proposal from Mr. Peal for an extension of Credit was opposed as well the proposition for relinquishing the hold we had on the Masterdon and Collection of Paintings in the Museum which was in our opinion the Main Security the Grand Lodge had.

I am forced from circumstances to look back to enable me to impress upon you more watchfullness and care in future.

We have now got what is left of this once valuable collection & we must make the most of it.

Mr. Peale agreed and did this day cancel the Lease and has given us possession of the Building the Collection to remain and he to receive the proceeds arrising therefrom until the 30^th

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of December, 1848, and if he pays the Grand Lodge by that time $3.800, he having this day paid $200, he is then to remove the collection.

This being the Evening set apart by the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge for the Election of its Officers.

The R$^{t.}$ W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Bro$^{a.}$ W$^{m.}$ Barger, Tobias Buehler, E. P. Lescure & Jo$^{a.}$ H. Israel, Tellers.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot when the following brethren were duly Elected, "viz":

Bro.	Peter Fritz,	Rt. W.	G. Master.
"	W$^{m.}$ Whitney,	"	D. G. Master.
"	A. Bournonville,	"	S$^{r.}$ G. Warden.
"	James Hutchinson,	"	J$^{r.}$ G. Warden.
"	John Thomson,	"	G. Treasurer.
"	W$^{m.}$ H. Adams,	"	G. Secretary.

Bro$^{a.}$ B. Newcomb, Sam$^{l.}$ H. Perkins, Sam$^{l.}$ Badger, Alex. Diamond & W$^{m.}$ Barger in place of E. S. Gandy, who now resides out of the State, were elected Trustees of the Girard Bequest.

On Motion of Brother Tobias Buehler and duly Seconded, the following Resolutions were adopted, "viz":

Resolved, That the Committee on Peals communication be discharged and the Subject matter referred to the proper Committee, viz: the Officers of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That after the first of January the renting and charge of the Hall in Chestnut Street be referred to Committee of Grand Officers.

A Report was received from Bro. George Griscom, Counsel & Solicitor, in settling the Titles to the Germantown & Bristol Lodge Property and ordered to be filed. The amount of Compensation for professional services and expenses in Settling and Securing of the title to the Real Estate of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 25, at Bristol, was referred by the request of Bro. Ge$^{o.}$ Griscom to the Grand Officers.

The following report was received and ordered to be filed and request granted, "viz": To the R$^{t.}$ W. G. Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$

The Trustees of the Charity Fund respectfully report, that since the last Grand Communication no change in the State of their finances nor otherwise has transpired of sufficient impor-

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tance to demand a special Report to the Grand Lodge at the present time except that Bro. John Jones has paid on account of his balance Twenty Eight Dollars $28.00 (only $25 paid).

They respectfully request the Grand Lodge will now make an appropriation of One Hundred Dollars from this fund for Distribution.

Dec^{r} 4, 1848. Signed. Ge^{o} Griscom, Tobias Buehler, Jn^{o} S. Kelly, } Trustees.

The Grand Secretary offered the following which was on motion duly made and Seconded, adopted, "to wit":

Whereas, E. S. Burd or D. W. Coxe holds $12100 of the Masonic loans now due and declines receiving from the Grand Lodge Such Sums as she is able to pay on account from time to time.

Therefore be it resolved that the Issue of that amount in Shares of One Hundred Dollars each be approved and directed by the Grand Lodge. The proceeds of such sales from time to time to be invested by the Elective Grand Officers in Safe Securities until the required Sum is realized to pay said E. S. Burd or D. W. Coxe's indebtedness in full.

The following Communication was received and referred to the Grand Officers with power to act and if they deem it expedient to employ counsel, vz:

4th St., Dec^{r} 4, 1848.

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,

Gentlemen,

On the 3rd ulto. Mr. Ingraham on behalf of Mr. Michael Bouvier and myself representing Mr. John Rea addressed a joint communication to the chairman of the Real Estate Committee of the Grand Lodge on the Subject of a difficulty that had arrisen in the sale of the Mansion House property growing out of an apprehension that the Lodge asserted some rights therein. A Copy of this Communication is herewith enclosed and will obviate the necessity of my enlarging on the present occasion.

My object at this time is to urge upon the Grand Lodge their early consideration and speedy action on the subject of the Communication referred to.

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Mr. Rea claims as purchaser at Sheriff Sale under proceedings on a Mortgage dated July 11, 1827, given by Robert Kid and himself to the Philad[a]. Saving Fund Society.

This Mortgage conveys a lot of ground on the west side of Third Street beginning at the distance of 126 feet Northward of Spruce Street and extending Northwardly on 3[d] St. 62 f[t]. 4 in. or thereabouts to ground of the said Robert Kid, being the same premises which the Washington Benevolent Society on the 2 of July, 1827, conveyed to Kid and Rea as tenants in Common.

I am instructed that a measurement of the lines of the respective lots owned by Mr. Rea & this Lodge will shew that the South Wall of the Building known as the Washington Hall is considerably more than 4½ inches over the line of Mr. Rea's Lot and to the extent of that Excess encroaches on Mr. Rea's line.

Mr. Rea conceives that he is Entitled to the full and complete enjoyment of all the ground included within his lines and consequently that he is entitled to remove all that portion of the South Wall of the Hall which encroaches on his line. This will of course include the projecting cornice, Spouts, &c.

If the rights of the parties can be ascertained by a simple measurement of their respective Lots then there is or ought to be no difficulty in their immediate adjustment.

If however the Lodge on consideration of the matter are of opinion than other Elements of right Exist, which cannot be ascertained by simple measurement, then it only remains for some impartial tribunal to settle the respective rights of the parties in the premises.

A resort to litigation would be attended with vexation and expense and delay on both sides and ought to be avoided if possible.

I cannot but entertain a hope that the Lodge on due consideration of the premises will interpose no difficulty in the way of the full Enjoyment by Mr. Rea of his rights as herein claimed.

Should he be disappointed in this and it becomes necessary to Submit the question of right to a tribunal for decission, he

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would propose that it be submitted to Horace Binney, Esq$^{r.}$ whose decision should be final and binding on both parties.

I am

To the G. L. of Pa. Respectfully yours,

Signed. P. M^{c}Call.

Grand Lodge closed in peace at 10 O'clock.

William H. Adams,
Grand Sec$^{y.}$
G. L. of Pa.

PHIL Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1848, A. L. 5848.

Grand Lodge of Penns$^{a.}$ Annual Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. Peter Fritz,	R$^{t.}$ W. G. Master.
" W$^{m.}$ Whitney,	" " D. G. Do.
" A. Bournonville,	" " S$^{r.}$ G. Warden.
" Tobias Buehler,	" " J$^{r.}$ do., P. T.
" John Thomson,	" " G. Treas$^{r.}$
" W$^{m.}$ H. Adams,	" " G. Sec$^{y.}$
" John Bradley,	S. G. Deacon.
" Ge$^{c.}$ K. Childs,	G. Chaplain.
" Peter Williamson,	J$^{r.}$ G. Deacon.
" Jacob Steiner,	G$^{d.}$ Marshal.
" W$^{m.}$ S. Shultz,	" Sword Bearer.
" James Page, " W$^{m.}$ Barger,	" Pursuivant.
" E. S. Ely,	R$^{t.}$ W. P. G. Master.

Lodges Represented.

N^{o}	2,	Bro^{s} Maguire.
"	3,	" McKaraher, Herrigus, Robinson, Bilger.
"	9,	" Kelly, Leach, Crow.
"	19,	" Childs, Bradley, Griscom, Hines, Patten.
"	25,	" Benezett.
"	51,	" Thomson, Whitney.
"	52,	" Robinson, Patton.
"	59,	" Adams, Gwynn, Clark.

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N° 67, Bro^s Russ, Van Osten, Smith.
" 71, " Meyers, Smith.
" 72, " Chase, H. M. Phillips, Barger.
" 81, " Belton.
" 114, " Kelly, Sharp, Krider, Bruner.
" 115, " Diamond.
" 121, " Morgan, Fine.
" 125, " Buehler, Bournonville, Steiner, Maag, Rasche.
" 126, " Hesser, Page, Simpson.
" 130, " Lescure, Shultz, Coyell.
" 134, " Williamson, Stocker.
" 153, " Shaw.
" 155, " Fritz, Martin, Helm, Wilkinson.
" 158, " Oliver, Lowe, Barnstead, Jones.
" 187, " Leoser.
" 211, " Cartwright, Singleton, Ristine.
" 230, " Mather, Taylor.
Proxies, Bro^s Whitney, Bournonville, Thomson, Adams, Page, Steiner.

35 Lodges Represented. Grand Lodge opened in Ample form at quarter past Ten o'clock, A. M.

So much of the Minutes of quarterly communication Dec^r. 27, 1848, as relates to the Election of Officers were read and Adopted.

Those present who were not Past Masters withdrew when Brother Peter Fritz, R^t. W. G. Master Elect was duly Installed in ancient and Solemn form and being duly proclaimed received the cordial and accustomed Salutations of the brethren.

Brother William Whitney was then duly Installed R^t. W. D. G. Master in ancient and solemn form and being duly proclaimed received the cordial and accustomed Salutations of the brethren.

Those brethren who had withdrawn were readmitted.

When the following officers were duly and Severally Installed in ancient and solemn form and being duly proclaimed received the usual and Accustomed Salutations of the brethren.

Bro. Anthony Bournonville, R^t. W. S^r. G. W.
" John Thomson, R^t. W. G. Treas^r.
" W^m. H. Adams, R^t. W. G. Sec^y.

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The R^t. W. G. Master announced the following appointments, viz:

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Bro. Ge^o. B. Kerfoot of the City of Lancaster, for the County of Lancaster.

Bro. W^m. B. Potts of Orwigsburg, for the Counties of Schuylkill, Northampton and Carbon.

Bro. Jo^s. L. Stichter of Reading, for the County of Berks.

Bro. C. P. Gummert of Brownsville, for the Counties of Fayette, Greene, Washington.

Bro. Samuel M^cKinley of Pittsburg, for Allegheny, Westmoreland & Beaver.

Bro. Banj^n. Park of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin, Mifflin, Cumberland, Huntington, Franklin, Lebanon and Blair.

Bro. Ge^o. C. Welker of Sunbury, for the Counties of Northumberland, Union, Clinton and Lycoming.

Bro. Henry Pettibone of Wilkesbarre, for the Counties of Luzerne, Susquehanna, Wayne, Pike and Bradford.

Grand Chaplains.

Bro^s. Rev^d. Jn^o. Chambers, Peter Van Pelt, Orson Douglass, J. J. Kerr, J. L. Barrows, H. W. Ducachet, Ezra S. Ely, Edmund Neville, Henry D. Moore.

Bro. C. C. Williams, S^r. Grand Deacon.
" Ge^o. Griscom, J^r. do. do.

Grand Stewards.

Bro. James Simpson & Bro. William English.
Bro. Peter Williamson, Grand Marshal.
Bro. Jacob Steiner, Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. William S. Shultz, do. Pursuivant.
Bro. William B. Schnider, Grand Tyler.

Trustees of the Charity Fund.

Bro^s. George Griscom, John Bradley, Jr., Conrad Tobias Buehler and John S. Kelly.

Committee of Finance.

Bro^s. Ge^o. Smith, Alex. E. Dougherty, Ge^o. H. Oliver, Joseph R. Flanigan & Sam^l. D. Patterson.

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Committee of Correspondence.

Bro$^{s.}$ D. C. Skerritt, Jn$^{o.}$ W. M^{c}Grath, William S. Heysham.

Committee to revise the By Laws of Subordinate Lodges.

Bro$^{s.}$ Jn$^{o.}$ M. Read, Ja$^{s.}$ Page & W$^{m.}$ H. Adams.

Committee to examine the transactions of the last Year and Select for publication.

Bro$^{s.}$ E. P. Lescure, W$^{m.}$ Clinton, & Joshua Mitchell.

Hall Committee.

Bro$^{s.}$ C. M^{c}Karaher, Rob$^{t.}$ Patton and John C. Smith.

Committee on Land Marks.

Bro$^{s.}$ B. Newcomb, Jo$^{s.}$ R. Chandler and Sam$^{l.}$ H. Perkins.

Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund.

Bros. Ja$^{s.}$ E. Richardson, Christopher Dillman, Ja$^{s.}$ Kelly, Ge$^{o.}$ K. Childs, Michael Bouvier, John Thomas, Gavin Watson, Ja$^{s.}$ Simpson, Town Smith, Ab$^{m.}$ West, Jn$^{o.}$ Neagle, W$^{m.}$ W. Thomson, John M^{c}Cloud, Richard Vaux, Jacob Steiner, Edw$^{d.}$ P. Lescure, John Allen, Tho$^{s.}$ S. Barnstead, Edm$^{d.}$ Barrington, Ja$^{s.}$ Hickey, Mathew Cartwright.

The R$^{t.}$ W. G. Secretary appointed Bro. Ja$^{s.}$ E. Richardson, Deputy Grand Secretary.

Which was approved by the Grand Lodge.

The R$^{t.}$ W. G. Master was pleased to make the following Statement, "viz":

At the Close of the present Masonic Year I am happy to have it in my power to report to the Grand Lodge the continued prosperous condition of our institution and compare this Years receipts and expenditures with the report made last year.

Bal. in hands of Treasurer Dec. 31, 1847, . . $3437.48

Receipts up to Date.

Dues & Rents from Lodges and Chapters, ...	$5846.15	
New Warrants, ...	" 648.00	
Certificates, Dispensations, Ahiman Rezons, &c., ...	" 455.50	
Rent of 3rd St. Hall, ...	" 240.00	
E. Peales Rent Chestnut St. Hall, .	" 422.00	
Panarama of Mexico, ...	" 290.00	$7901.65
		$11.339.13

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Payments up to Dec. 27.			
Interest, ...		$3769.32	
Payment on acct. of Certificate of debt given to Trustees of S. Girard Bequest Jan^{y} 1, 1837, ...		"3064.16	
Incidental Expenses Including Taxes, Water Rent, Fuel & Repairs 3^{d} St. Hall, G. T., G. S. & G. Tylers Salary, ...		"1993.92	
Expenses Chestnut St. Hall.			
Taxes, Constables Levy, watchmens fees on account & Professional Services on acct., ...		"1372.10	$10.199.50
Bal. to date, ...		. . .	$ 1.139.63
Gross Receipts 1847, .	$13.828.48		
do. so far 1848, .	" 7.901.65		
	$ 5.926.83		

Against this deficiency we have the purchase of the Museum at $3.200.00.

Gross Amt. of Payment 1847, ...	$11.499.20	
Gross Amt. of Payment 1848, ...	"10.199.50	
		1.299.70

The last amount includes $3064.16 paid to the Girard Bequest which reduces our debt that amount the Interest on that amount also ceases and leaves a balance Still due on said Certificate of $900.

The loss on receipts, &c., this year is attributable to the failure of the Tenant of the Chestnut St. Hall to comply with his engagements. If they had been promptly met and no extra expenses incurred at least $4000 could have been added to the Sinking Fund.

During the Year 8 New Warrants have been granted as follows: N$^{o.}$ 227, at Reading; 228, at Union town, Fayette County, Penns$^{a.}$; 229, at Bridgewater, Beaver County, Penns.; 230, at Richmond, Philad$^{a.}$ Co$^{y.}$; N$^{o.}$ 231, at Pittsburg; a German Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 232, Jersey Shore, Lycoming Co$^{y.}$; N$^{o.}$ 233,

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Pittston Ferry, Luzerne Co., & N°. 234, at Meadville, Crawford Co^{y}. Pa.

The Lodge at Richmond and Reading were organized by myself and Grand Officers as well the reorganization of Lodge N°. 25, at Bristol and N°. 126, at Philad^{a}.

The other Lodges above named were organized by the Deputy Grand Masters of the different districts in which they were located.

Reports from every part of the state give very flattering accounts of the prosperity of the order. Several applications for revivals of Charters have been made but when the Warrant, Books, &c., and no returns have been made for Years they have been refused.

The Sinking Fund continues as per last report, . $12.500

The Indebtedness of the Grand Lodge is reduced the amount paid Trustees Girard Bequest $3064.16.

The Charity Fund continues much the same as per last report $160 have been distributed to poor Widows of Deceased Brothers during the year leaving in their hands for distribution $90.

The Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund have paid out during the Year $1757 to 73 applicants, 49 of whom hail from under our Jurisdiction, 3 of this number have paid the debt of Nature. Twenty four hail from foreign Jurisdictions.

In conclusion I would here remark that it has afforded me much pleasure and satisfaction in the visitations made to the Lodges to observe the continued and increased prosperity as well as the great unanimity with which all their labours have been conducted.

General returns were received from the following Lodges and were ordered to be filed, viz:

Lodge No. 2. J— S—, C— G—, J— F. T—, W— H. C—, A— B—, L— C—, E— G—, J— B—, C— N. S. L—, Suspended for non payment of Dues.

Lodge No. 3. Samuel Garton, reinstated.

Lodge N°. 9. S— B. M—, H. C—, I— M—, Susp. for N. P. of dues.

Lodge N°. 19. R— M^{c}L—, G— C—, W— B—, E— F—, P— J. J—, J— R—, suspended for non pay. of dues.

Lodges

N°. 25. No S. E. or reinstatements.

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N°. 43. W— B— and E— S—, rejected. C— T. B—, C— L. W—, F— K. C—, D— P—, L— B—, D— S—, Suspended for N. p. of dues.

N°. 45. S. L—, E— W—, T. S. M°E—, C— G— and J— P— rejected. J— O—, Susp for N. p. of dues.

N°. 52. J— T—, Susp for N. p. of dues.

No. 59. J— H—, W— B. S—, A— T. B—, C— F. W—, Susp^d. for N. payment of dues.

No. 67. No S. or Expulsions.

No. 71. do. do.

N°. 106. S— D— and B— L—, Rejected. C— W. L—, expelled for Larceny.

N°. 114. D— C. R— Committee reported unfavourable.

N°. 121. G— L—, Jr., T— S. R—, Expelled for Non pay. of dues. J— A—, Expelled for unmasonic conduct.

N°. 125. No. S. or Expulsions.

N°. 126. do. do.

N°. 134. J— S. S—, C— R. H—, S— M—, G— J—, Suspended for non pay^t. of dues.

N°. 138. E— K—, D— H—, E— K. S—, P— C—, J— H. S—, J— C. M—, J— M—, G— K—, Suspended for N. pay. of dues.

N°. 143. No Sus., Expulsions or Reinstatements.

N°. 186. F— S—, Susp for n. p. of dues.

N°. 187. S— D. B—, J— B—, R— B—, F— A. C—, A— H—, J— J—, E— J. R—, J— R—, E— K—, E— T—, Suspended for Nonpayment of dues.

Lodge N°. 190. S— S. S—, Suspended for Non pay^t. of dues.

Lodge N°. 211. T— F—, H— C—, M— L—, D— L—, I— D. B—, T— K. F—, J— E—, H— H—, J— F—, Suspended for N. p. of Dues.

Lodge N°. 216. Rob^t. M°Quade, Reinstated. W— C—, T— D—, F— C. E—, J— J—, G— P—, W— P—, M. P—, B— T. T— and L— F. W—, Susp^d. for N. payment of Dues.

Lodge N°. 221. J— H. L—, M— B—, I— J. A—, A— W. P— Suspended for Non payment of dues.

Lodge N°. 222. No S., E. or Reinstatements.

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Lodge N°. 223. J. J. B—, D— E. G— and J— C—, Suspended for N°. P. of dues.
Lodge N°. 226. No Suspension or Expulsion.
Lodge N°. 229. do. do. do.
Lodge N°. 230. W— C. A—, rejected.
Lodge N°. 231. M— O—, Exp^d. for N. p. of dues.

A Communication was received from a number of Brethren residing in Erie, Erie County, Penns^a., asking for a new Warrant and nominating Bro. William Flint, first W. M.; James C. M—, first S^r. W.; Bro. W^m. W. Reed, first Junior Warden. Said Lodge to be held in Erie.

On motion duly made and Seconded, the application was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The following Report was received and ordered to be spread on the Minutes, viz:

To the R^t. W. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Penns^a.

The Committee of Finance Respectfully Report a Statement of the Receipts and Payments by the Grand Treasurer for and on account of the Grand Lodge for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1848.

Receipts.

From Lodges for Rents & dues, &c., .		$622.50	
" Grand Secretary Dispensations, Certificates & A. Rezon, . .		"111.00	
" Fire association return of Deposite Insurance, ...		"400	
" Hall committee for Rent, . .		37.50	$1171.00

Payments.

For Int. on Loans & Debts, . . .		$1404.22	
" Gas 3^d St. Hall, . .	$ 63.89		
" Taxes do., . .	378.10		
" Coal do., . .	47.50		
" Salaries.			
Grand Treasurer, .	50.00		
" Sec^y. . . .	200.		
" Tyler, . .	42.00	$ 681.49	
" Expenses Chestnut St. Hall.			
" Taxes, ...	463.20		

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For Insurance & Policies, .	401.00		
" Sundry bills Printing & advertising Peals Sale,	47.05	" 911.25	$2996.96
Amount of payments Exceeding receipts, . . .			$1825.96
Bal. due by G. Treasurer June 30, ...	$2744.93		
Bal. due by G. Treasurer Sept.	918.97		1825.96

Philad$^{a.}$, Dec. 1, 1848.

Signed. Ge$^{o.}$ Smith,
Alex$^{r.}$ E. Dougherty,
Committee.

A Copy of the By Laws of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 227 was received and referred to the committee on By Laws.

Printed Communications were received from the Grand Lodge of Iowa and New York which were referred to the Committee of correspondence.

On motion a number of visitors were admitted.

Grand Lodge Closed in Peace at 12 o'clock noon.

William H. Adams,
Grand Secretary.

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